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Methodist Student Day

By WOODROW A. GEIER

METHODIST Student Day will be observed by Methodist churches on June 12, 1955. During the past eighty-three years the Methodist Student Loan and Scholarship Fund has loaned more than $11,000,000 to some 75,000 students, and during the past ten years has granted almost 4,500 full tuition scholarships to outstanding Methodist students in accredited Methodist colleges and universities. Many of these youth are preparing for full-time Christian service. Ninety-five per cent of each Methodist Student Day contribution will be used to expand the present program of National Methodist Scholarships, which is currently assisting more than 450 students in schools across the nation.

College enrollment will almost double in the next fifteen or twenty years. This fact presents both opportunity and responsibility to inject a strong Christian emphasis into the student's program of study. Of the 4,500,000 students to be enrolled in 1970, approximately 350,000 will be in our Methodist schools. It is with this group of future leaders that we shall have an opportunity to help mold the future. Observe Methodist Student Day in your church.

Two students in Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, North Carolina, are recipients of National Methodist Scholarships. The students, Joyce Woolard and Jack Yarbrough, meet before the altar in the Religious Activities Room of the college.

National Methodist Scholarship winners at Northwestern University meet for regular Thursday afternoon "Friendly" at Methodist Student Foundation on the university's campus in Evanston, Illinois.

Boston University Methodist Scholarship students Jean Learned *(center)* and Barbara McLean stop for a brief interview with University Dean Atlee L. Percy, chief budget officer at the university.

All One Body We

By HILDA LEE DAIL

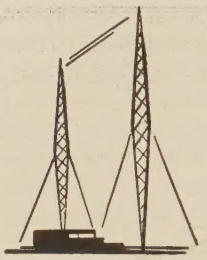
"SO WE, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." Romans 12:5

These words, addressed to the infant church at Rome, resound to us who are a part of the slowly maturing Body of Christ in the twentieth century. We bear scars self-inflicted during a rebellious childhood and a painfully prodigal adolescence. But through the loving patience of a heavenly Father the Body is learning coordination. Its members are getting in step. Though being many, we are acquiring the skill of speaking with the clarity of one voice, and of progressing toward one goal.

How are the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service contributing toward this process of the "coming of age" of the Christian Church? Just how much does the organization as such cooperate in the interdenominational work around the world?

A look at the appropriations of the Department of Work in Foreign Fields for 1955-56 is quite revealing at this point. In the section entitled "Cooperative Budget" are twenty-three items designated for the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. The total appropriation for these items is $91,298, an increase of $3,789 over last year.

When, for example, a Methodist woman hears about the wonderful work of RAVEMCCO (Radio, Audio-Visual Education, Mass Communication Committee), she can know that through her gifts to the Woman's Society of Christian Service she is helping to provide the $2,940 that is designated for this committee. She can be glad that through her Society she is answering the call to Christians everywhere to use "Today's Tools for



Today's Task." Through field committees related to their National Christian Councils, RAVEMCCO seeks to foster the use of mass communication for the witness of the Church.

Recently a Christian Audio-Visual Center in Tokyo, Japan, was dedicated. During the service of dedication these words were spoken by Rev. W. Burton Martin, executive secretary of RAVEMCCO:

I see this building not as some static thing, but as a living tribute to a living Christ. I see it as a symbol of the deep desire of the churches of Japan and of America to win the people of Japan for Jesus Christ.

It is dedicated not to the perpetuation of an institution, but to the proclamation of a living faith.

We are all Christians united in one ecumenical mission of the whole Church to the whole world.

The largest single item in the Cooperative Budget is the one designated for *World Literacy and Christian Literature.* Every responsive woman in the local church feels a tug at her heart when she hears of the great challenge presented in the Laubach literacy work. It is gratifying to know that when she gives to her Society she is helping to provide the $19,792 appropriated for this purpose. Through this channel she helps to spread the story of Jesus to new literates in over 234 languages.

With forty foreign mission boards and societies cooperating through the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature, millions of people in villages and cities in sixty-five countries are seeing the world through new eyes—eyes that now can read the printed page. Kamil Abozor has written to his literacy teacher:

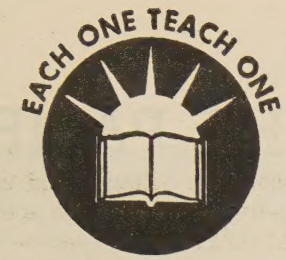
"Peace be upon you, and the mercy and graces of God. . . . We are very glad to be taught, for the unlettered man is blind, even though he has eyes."

The technique of reading is not enough to give. Christian literature must be provided if the peoples of the world are to be conditioned against the propaganda of communism that is flooding the newly literate areas. The head of the terrible Mau Mau people in Kenya, Africa, took a degree in anthropology, but did not come into contact with Christianity.

Dr. Floyd Shacklock, a Methodist missionary recently elected executive secretary of World Literacy and Christian Literature, has said, "Literature is the door to introduce men to God. It also introduces man to man. A door is not made only to admire, but made to be walked through."

As long as we support this work it will be "an open door, which no one is able to shut." (RSV)

Another example of interdenominational cooperation can be cited in the fact that a number of *Union Colleges* in foreign countries receive support from Methodist women. The total appropriation of $83,232 is designated for these institutions located in China, India, Japan, Korea, and the Philippines. Six of these are medical colleges whose broad programs of cooperation to heal thousands of people each year could not be effectively operated by an individual organization. Ewha Woman's University will receive $20,000 from the Cooperative Budget. What more effective way could the women of America, whose educational opportunities have been



unlimited, demonstrate love and interest for the women of war-torn Korea?

Even though the grand total of the Cooperative Budget is $183,630, this does not give the whole story of interdenominational cooperation, for incorporated in all the five Field Budgets are many items relating to cooperative projects. In Japan, for example, where The Methodist Church is assimilated in The Church of Christ in Japan, all the work in a broad sense is interdenominational.

Nepal, the newest missionary frontier, is from its inception an interdenominational and international endeavor. The pioneer missionaries who opened a medical center there in 1954 are supported by Methodist, Presbyterian, and Church of Scotland mission boards.

The pattern of things to come in missions clearly points toward a closer working relationship with other churches that, with the Methodists, make up the Body of Christ in the twentieth century.

"Failure to act on our insights is the pathway that leads straight to moral and spiritual deterioration." But the women of The Methodist Church will not fail. We raise our heads and sing,

"We are not divided,
All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity."

Mrs. Brooks in Hyderabad

By RUTH A. PARTRIDGE

A very unique reception program was planned and effectively carried out by the principal of Stanley Girls' High School, Miss Chanda Christdas, and the members of the local Woman's Societies of Christian Service for Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, president of the Woman's Division.

Mrs. Brooks saw the Woman's Society in action in Hyderabad on February 15, from 4:00 to 5:30 P.M. Women cooked different tasty Indian dishes on open fires, right on the reception premises. They made *paratas, kicheri, bajjyas,* and other staple foods which Indian women prepare daily in their homes.

Village women from the district brought their babies for a Baby Show—all so clean, dressed in their best garments, and smiling their welcome. A doctor and two health visitors were in attendance to register and weigh the babies. Stalls were erected to display the handwork brought by district women as well as by women of the Woman's Society in Hyderabad's three congregations: English, Kannarese and Telegu, and in Secunderabad English Church. Useful articles made from scraps were exhibited—little dresses, cushions and baby caps; embroidery, crochet and other handwork. This proved that the women of India are learning to use time profitably and to make the most of every opportunity.

After this exhibition, refreshments were served to about one hundred fifty women and men. A program followed, presided over by Bishop S. K. Mondol, the resident bishop, who opened the service with prayer. A group of Stanley High School girls sang, and then Miss Christdas presented a brief report of the Woman's Society. She stated, "Within the past fourteen years the number of Societies in Hyderabad Conference has increased from seventeen to one hundred thirty-six. The present total membership is 2,725, about one-third of the total membership in the whole of India. Today a majority of the Societies are well organized, spiritual life has been deepened by devotional studies, and annual rallies are held in each district.

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Mrs. Frank G. Brooks with Bishop and Mrs. Shot K. Mondol in Hyderabad, India. *Left to right:* Misses Merlyn Mondol, La Doris Morgan, Mrs. Mondol, Bishop Mondol, Mrs. Brooks, and Miss Frances Major of Calcutta.

Christian Missions
AT THE CROSSROADS OF THE PACIFIC

By EMMA BURRIS

HAWAII has been described as a land spendthrift with color and romance, with sunshine and moonlight, and rainbows without end—with waves splashing on a thousand beaches.

One hundred years ago Methodism began work in what was known as the Easter Islands, now the Territory of Hawaii, and soon perhaps to be known as the State of Hawaii. This chain of eight major islands—the crossroads of the Pacific—lies 2,100 miles from San Francisco and 3,400 miles from Yokohama. These islands are not only strategically located and important in times of peace and war, but also are important sociological laboratories.

Historians differ in their theory of how the first inhabitants reached the islands. Since the discovery by Captain Cook in 1778, whalers, missionaries, traders, plantation owners, teachers, sailors, and laborers from many lands have contributed to the history of Hawaii. Tourists play an important part in its economy today.

The remarkable achievement of the early Congregational missionaries which began in 1820 changed the course of Hawaii's history. Their work among the Hawaiians in developing a written language, in teaching the people to read and write, and in establishing Christian churches has had far-reaching effects. Government and law enforcement were strongly influenced by the missionaries who stood against one law for the whites and another for the natives.

Though The Methodist Church opened work in Hawaii one hundred years ago, this work has not been continuous. Gradually, however, interracial churches have been established on the major islands and Methodist women have supported

Margaret of Susannah Wesley Home is interested in going to college when she finishes high school.

work in Honolulu for over half a century, having sent out missionaries as early as 1901.

Methodist women first became interested in the children of laborers on the sugar and pineapple plantations. At the request of the Japanese plantation laborers, who were willing to pay a small fee, Miss Elizabeth Blois undertook to care for the children while the parents worked in the fields. She rented a cottage and thus the work of Susannah Wesley Home began.

Because there were children who had no parents to care for them, the character of the work changed. Susannah Wesley Home became a home for neglected and dependent children. Hundreds of girls have been given an opportunity to live a richer and more abundant life through this home. They have come from numerous cultural and racial backgrounds; but under the guidance of Christian workers they have learned to live in harmony and to appreciate the contribution which each has to give. Many of the substantial church members and leaders of the Hawaiian mission once lived in Susannah Wesley Home. In fact, a Susannah Wesley girl is now a member of the local board.

Today there are few orphans among the children in this home, as is true of other children's homes. Orphan children are usually adopted by families. It is the adolescent child, who has been rejected and neglected and who has problems to be worked out in a group living situation, who most needs the care that agencies such as Susannah Wesley provide.

Under the able leadership of Miss Frances Taylor who served as superintendent from 1937 until April, 1955, the home has kept the standards of care at a high level, even during the trying period of the war. The new superintendent, Rev. Eugene L. McClure, is well known for his long association with David and Margaret Home in La Verne, California.

Another project of Methodist women is the rural work on the Island of Hawaii. It was opened in 1952. Miss Hisako Tanji—the first Hawaiian-born deaconess—is now serving the various racial and cultural groups who live in camps or small towns of the sugar plantations. The rural worker has opportunities to help the people through various community activities, personal counseling, and in the training of Christian leaders.

During the past few years, a number of Woman's Societies of Christian Service have been organized. The members represent the various cultural groups of the islands. They rejoice in their fellowship with members of the Woman's Society across the church in helping to build a better world.

Hawaii has much to teach the rest of us in giving opportunities to its citizens without discrimination or segregation. Christian missions has made a difference at the crossroads of the Pacific.

Preparing for Christian Citizenship

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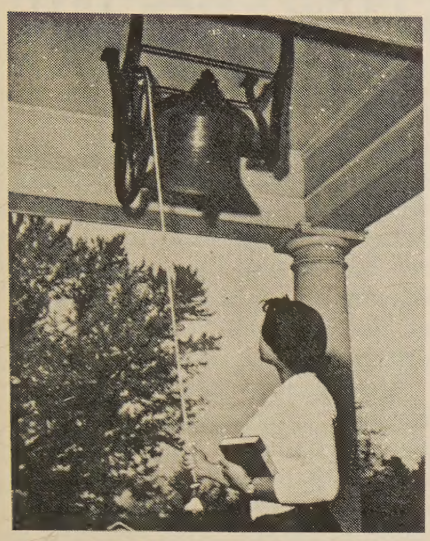
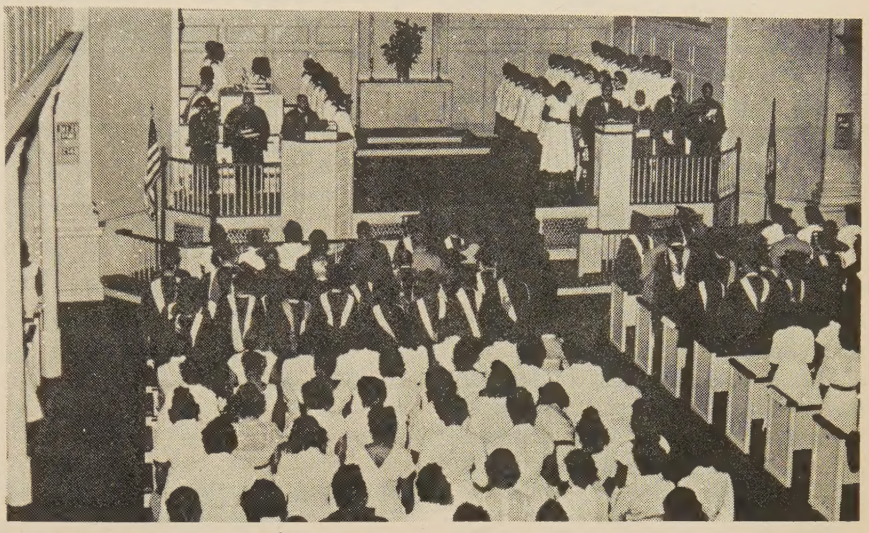


Bennett College is sometimes called the "Vassar of the South" for young Negro women. Its splendid service is a witness, in large part, to the devoted prayers and generous support of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and the Board of Education.

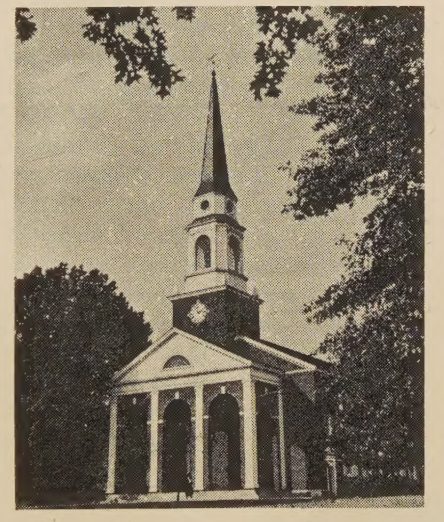
Official Bennett College "clock" is Miss Emily Montgomery of Mooresboro, North Carolina. She rings the historic bell for the school's daily activities.

Founded in 1873 in the basement of a Negro Methodist Church in Greensboro, North Carolina, Bennett has developed into a modern educational plant with high standards.

In 1926, it was converted into a college for women, with Dr. David D. Jones, a brother of Bishop Robert Jones, as president. Under his guidance, Bennett has increased in enrollment from ten girls to 450; has turned a corn and turnip field into one of the most beautiful campuses in America.



The religious life runs deep and strong. Services in the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel plus the assignments to teach in Sunday schools and sing in choirs, Bible study groups, daily personal devotions, and miscellaneous church activities serve to strengthen loyalty to Christ.



There is an international atmosphere, with young women from India, Korea, Nigeria, Japan, China, Pakistan, and the United States enrolled. Each girl takes her turn cleaning rooms, scrubbing floors, dusting, and waiting on tables.

From Bennett College, graduates begin their careers as teachers, missionaries, religious education directors, homemakers, or enter other fields of service.

Lunch Hour: The Children's School. Here students get practical experience in working with small children.

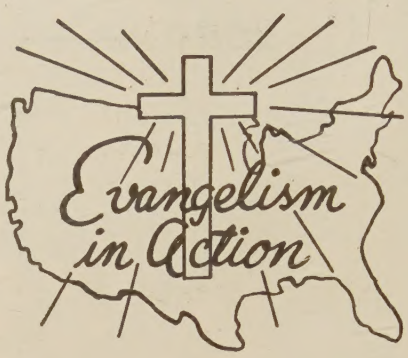
The Woman's Society . . . and EVANGELISM AND STEWARDSHIP

By MRS. J. W. BUNCH

"THERE can be no comfortable complacency among Christian people while there is anyone in the world who is perishing physically for lack of food or perishing spiritually for lack of a knowledge of Jesus Christ." The truth of this statement and the desire to answer this challenge carries the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service into many varied concerns and activities reaching into all phases of life.

The desire that no one perish spiritually for lack of knowledge of Jesus Christ brought into the organizational program a line of work known as Spiritual Life Cultivation. Christian principles must be basic in the work of the Woman's Society. The Christian level of the organization can be no higher than the spiritual level of individual members. Hence spiritual nurture is important. To aid in carrying out this responsibility every Woman's Society has a secretary of Spiritual Life who, with her committee, plans and oversees the activities that have to do with the spiritual growth of the members. Prayer groups are formed, members are enrolled in the Fellowship of Intercession, worship services are carefully planned, personal and family devotions are encouraged.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service is an integral part of The Methodist Church. Its members, for the most part, are members of a local Methodist church. They are active also in other phases of church work. As a result, there is need for close correlation between the program of the Woman's Society and that of the total church.



Cooperation With the Board of Evangelism

One of the boards of the church, the Board of Evangelism, is concerned also with the spiritual growth of the members of the church. The chairman of the standing Committee on Spiritual Life of the Woman's Division of Christian Service is an ex-officio member of the Board of Evangelism and attends all the meetings of that board. An effort is made to keep the programs of these two groups correlated, thus strengthening the impact on the local church and community. The secretary of Spiritual Life of the Woman's Society on all levels is related to the work of Evangelism: the secretary of Spiritual Life in the local church is a member ex officio of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism; the district secretary is a member of the district Committee on Evangelism; the conference secretary is a member of the annual conference Board of Evangelism; the jurisdiction secretary is a member of the jurisdiction Board of Evangelism.

The program of the Board of Evangelism is seen in the local church in the recruiting of new members, in evangelistic and spiritual life missions, in the forming of prayer groups and attendance at the meetings of these church-wide groups. Throughout the church women are cooperating with the pastor in these plans. Many of the personal contacts of the church with the people of the community are made by members of the Woman's Society in their program of visitation.

Methodist women know the value of study. Every year the Woman's Division publishes a study book on some book or portion of the Bible or some phase of life related to spiritual growth. This emphasis is also a part of the church-wide program of the Board of Evangelism.

The spiritual life material of the Woman's Division is supplemented by the fine literature of the Board of Evangelism published by *The Upper Room* and *Tidings*. Much of it is sent to the jurisdiction secretaries of Spiritual Life to acquaint them with the available materials.

The 1955 Chain of Prayer in which about a thousand Methodist churches will combine to maintain a continuous prayer vigil was initiated by the staff and employees of the Board of Evangelism. Each twenty-four-hour period from 6:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. the following day has been assigned to two or more churches to maintain a continuous prayer vigil for peace and world order that will fill each minute of 1955. Reports show full cooperation of members of the Woman's

One of the questions on the report blank for the local secretary of Spiritual Life is, "Does your committee help to promote the use of *The Upper Room* in your church?"

Society in churches participating in this Chain of Prayer.

Cooperation With Board of Lay Activities

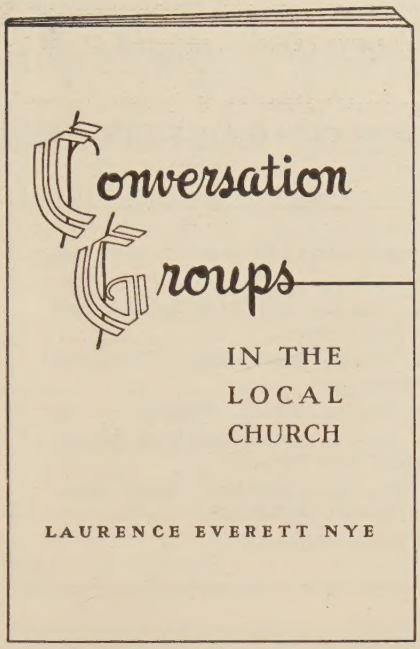
The women of The Methodist Church have long realized the value of stewardship of all of life—time, talents, strength, money—in the development of Christian living. Articles, pamphlets, and study books on stewardship have been a part of the educational program in the Woman's Society.

The stewardship program of The Methodist Church is the responsibility of the Board of Lay Activities. As a result of these parallel interests, the Woman's Division of Christian Service and the Board of Lay Activities have been working together. Under the direction of the General Conference of 1952, the Board of Lay Activities led in a stewardship emphasis this year in which the Woman's Society was happy to cooperate to strengthen the impact on the local church.

Several articles on stewardship have appeared in THE METHODIST WOMAN recently. A readers' count was taken on the article, "Shall a Christian Tithe?" by Bishop Costen J. Harrell, printed in the September, 1954, issue. Only 34,469 readers were reported, but it is certain that many others read the article who did not report.

At the beginning of this quadrennium the Woman's Society of Christian Service adopted six emphases, the last one being "We will accept the price of Christian discipleship." The price of Christian discipleship as made clear by Jesus Christ means stewardship—the giving of all of life, time, service, money, study, prayer, thought, conviction—in His service. This is the goal toward which members of the Woman's Society are striving.

The *Handbook for the Secretary of Spiritual Life* and the Wesleyan Service Guild *Handbook* contain many references to stewardship, as well as plans for presenting it to women of the local groups. On the Spiritual Life local report blank is the question, "Has stewardship been presented in your



The above publication of the Board of Lay Activities was included in the Spiritual Life Packet last year.

Society this quarter?" Thus, four times a year the attention of the secretary of Spiritual Life is called to the fact that stewardship should be presented frequently.

Each year in the Program Book of the Woman's Society there are many references to stewardship, and frequently a whole program is based on some phase of stewardship. In signing the Woman's Society or Wesleyan Service Guild pledge card, a member promises to give her prayers, her service, and her gifts of money—surely an act of stewardship for each individual member.

Members of the standing Committee on Spiritual Life have met with leaders of the Board of Lay Activities to discuss materials and plans for the church-wide emphasis on stewardship. A number of publications on, or related to, stewardship are distributed by the Woman's Division of Christian Service. A relatively new pamphlet, *Discipleship,* written by Mrs. Edwin B. White, former chairman of the standing Committee on Spiritual Life, is very fine. A *Stewardship Ceremonial,* a stewardship prayer card, and several small pamphlets on stewardship are available at Literature Headquarters.*

Someone has said that what we are is God's gift to us but what we become is our gift to God. Through the correlated programs of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and the Board of Evangelism, and the Woman's Division of Christian Service and the Board of Lay Activities, plus the personal consecration and dedication of each individual member of the Woman's Society, it is possible for the women, as well as all members of the church, to develop gifts of great value to present to God. This is a personal responsibility.

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Study Class Projects for 1955-56

DEPARTMENT OF WORK IN HOME FIELDS

The projects which will receive the study class offerings are assigned to the jurisdictions as listed:

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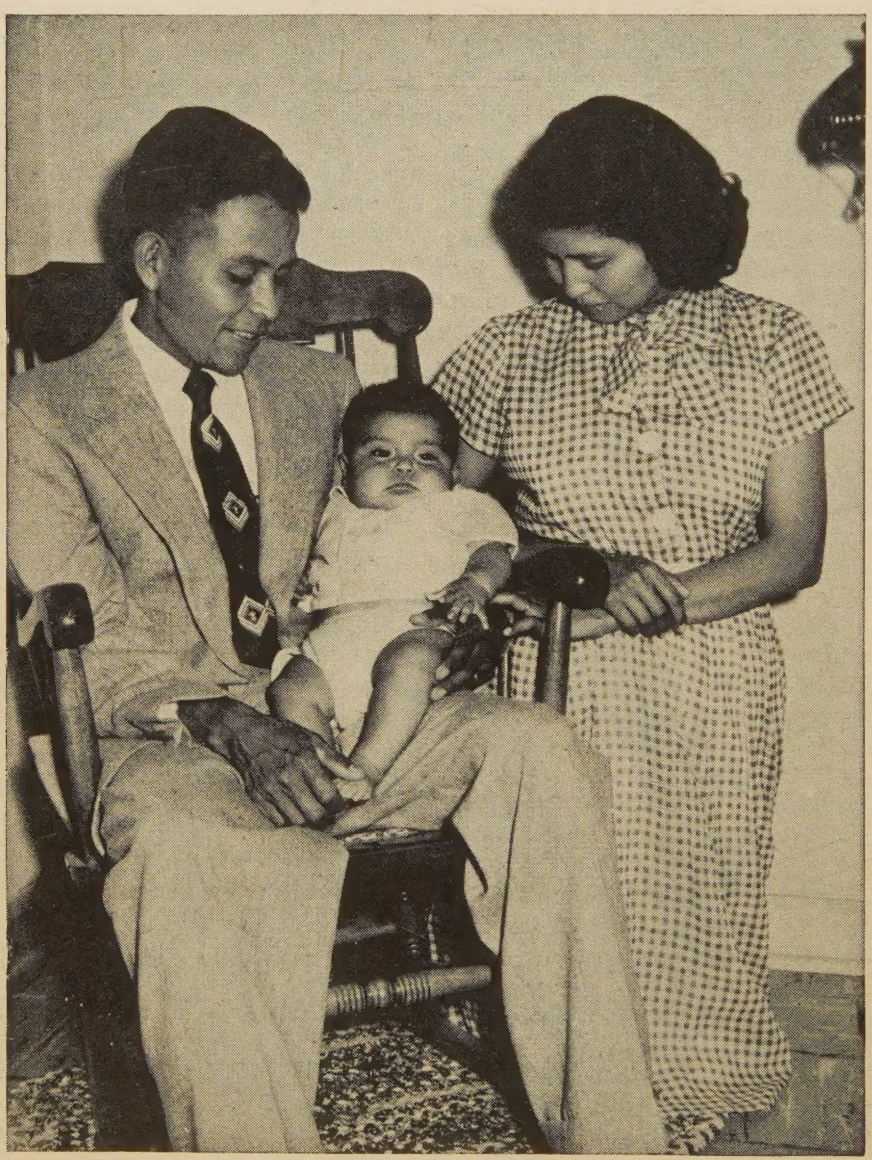
NORTH CENTRAL: Odanah Indian Work, Washburn, Wisconsin; Dulac Indian Work, Dulac, Louisiana.

NORTHEASTERN: Yuma Methodist Mission, Yuma, Arizona.

SOUTH CENTRAL: Navajo Methodist Mission School and Bisti School and Community Center, Farmington, New Mexico.

SOUTHEASTERN: Cherokee Indian Mission, Cherokee, North Carolina; Indian Mission Cooperative Work, Oklahoma.

WESTERN: Yuma Methodist Mission, Yuma, Arizona.



Taylor and Betty McKenzie with their son Mike. Taylor, a graduate of the Navajo Methodist Mission School, Farmington, New Mexico, is now a medical student at Baylor University College, Houston, Texas

Odanah Indian Work

The little village of Odanah, Wisconsin, is located on the Bad River Indian Reservation, which is more than 87,000 acres in extent. A couple, jointly supported by the Woman's Division and the Division of National Missions, has been working here since 1951. They reach an Indian population of 2,500 and their influence extends to another 2,500 in other locations.

Oklahoma Indian Mission Cooperative Work

Three workers of the Woman's Division, one an Indian woman, carry on activities among Indians of many tribes in thirty counties. In this area are ninety churches, widely scattered, among which the workers promote the programs of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Vacation church schools, with local leadership where possible, form an important part of the summer schedule.

Dulac Indian Work

Eighteen miles below Houma, Louisiana, is the Dulac Indian work, originally operating a school for the children of French-speaking Indian shrimp fishermen. Since the local school board now provides for these children, the work at Dulac is that of a community center, bringing health as well as recreational and inspirational activities to the families. The workers also visit in the homes of the people.

UNDERSTANDING—BY-AND-BY OR NOW?

By MRS. VERNON W. BRADLEY

Yuma Methodist Mission

ON SUNDAY, July 4, 1954, my husband was the guest preacher at the regular morning worship service of the Yuma Methodist Mission, Yuma, Arizona. I am looking now at the worship sheet we used that morning. As I read "Lighting of Candles," followed by "Meditation," I remember that the candles drooped in their struggle to withstand the above-one-hundred-degree temperature. During the meditation period I prayed that I might be able to communicate to other women the determination that I was experiencing, to do my part that Indian Americans may be fully accepted in ordinary American communities. We were led in prayer by the missionary minister and the choir sang a response, "Hear Our Prayer."

"What," I wonder, "is our prayer for the 400,000 people in the United States called Indians?" I remember looking at the choir and wondering what prayer was uppermost in the heart of each member. The preacher's wife and a summer student worker were the only fair-skinned singers. The anthem was "By-and-By We'll Understand." The voices, a little tired from holiday celebrations, blended in an earnestness that made me forget the roar of the air-conditioning fan.

"There's so much to understand," I thought, "and as Christians we cannot wait for the 'by-and-by.' We must find ways *now* to understand the problems and to help Indians achieve their rightful place in our national life."

The Yuma children were seated in the front of the church that Sunday morning, and after telling a story to them the pastor lighted candles which two boys carried as they led the children's recessional to the mission building for junior church. There were two new children that day and their mother, who could have passed for a college girl, led them out at the end of the line. They were the children of a government doctor who had come recently to the reservation. This was the first time his family had been to the church services.

The pastor announced that the mission station wagon would be driven to services at the Cocopah Mission that afternoon, and members of the congregation were invited to go along. An interpreter is necessary for some of the work with the Cocopahs, a small tribe about twenty miles south of Yuma. Conditions among the Cocopahs are more primitive than on the Yuma reservation. Stories, singing, and directed play are provided for the children.

Back to the church bulletin. It reminded me that after the offering and congregational singing of the doxology, my husband preached on the subject, "The Promise of the Father." It was the same message he had brought in our own church two weeks earlier, just before we left our Tennessee home for a vacation trip westward.

Sunday school followed the worship service and I visited the children's class. The teacher was absent and the superintendent insisted that I "take over." We were a little slow breaking down barriers of strangeness and tones of voice. I remembered an animal picture book from Yellowstone Park, and went upstairs to the missionary's apartment to get it. The interest in animals that is common to all children soon broke the shyness and we were friends. I showed the beaded earrings I had bought the day before from the mission craft shop. We talked or rather they told me about how their mothers and big sisters made necklaces and other bead jewelry. I asked how children could help in homes. Before long, we were looking at pictures of how Jesus might have helped in his home. All too soon, the young people and the adults began coming in from their classes and it was time to wash up for dinner.

The congregation "stays for dinner" every Sunday. A plate at the end of the serving table receives cash from each family, no stipulated amount, with which to buy groceries for the following Sunday. The Woman's Society of Christian Service is responsible for serving these dinners, two members being in charge each week. I noticed that the husbands of the two women servers for the day were just as busy setting out the platters of meat and vegetables as the wives. The two couples were washing dishes when we left.

There were announcements for the week's activities in the bulletin. A meeting of the Woman's Society was called to complete plans for attendance at a district conference. The recreation committee for weekly activities was to meet on Tuesday evening to work on some long-range plans. Wednesday would be a full day. The 4-H Club would meet at 9:30 A.M.; choir practice and Boy Scouts at 7:30 in the evening. Friday evening is reserved regularly for the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

We had arrived at Yuma the previous Friday at about 8:00 P.M. As we circled the drive to the mission house on the top of a bluff, we sensed the hush of approaching a strange situation. The architecture reminded us of the old Catholic missions we had "touristed" in the far west. When we stopped in front of the mission building and heard the familiar laughing of teenagers at play, we knew we were in no fort of a romantic and warring past. We were beginning a visit with some friends a few hundred miles away from our own Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Yuma Indian Mission, Yuma, Arizona

Our own teen-agers, dressed in shorts, would not go in until I had peeped to see what the girls inside were wearing. Then we had to ferret out suitcases until our girls could get into blouses and gathered skirts. Within minutes we were trying to guess who was the leader in one game, and laughing at ourselves and others in one familiar activity after another. Our girls soon knew the names of the other young people, who was who's boy friend, and where they might find a swimming hole. I hoped, as I looked at the announcement, that the following Friday night would provide as much fun. On Saturday, the senior girls would leave for the district youth camp. The missionaries would be with them.

"Next Sunday," read the announcement, "Mr. Lee Emerson will conduct the services here at the church." Later my husband told me that the services would be in good hands. He had visited the class Mr. Emerson taught and was impressed with the quality of teaching and the response.

Judging from conversations with Mr. and Mrs. Moody, the missionaries-in-charge, I believe they would agree with the statement of Dillon S. Myer, former Commissioner of Indian Affairs: "These special ties (trusteeship responsibilities over Indian land and income from the land and provision of special services) between the Indians and the federal government have developed under terms of laws and treaties primarily because the Indians themselves have felt the need for this protection and these services. Undoubtedly they have served a useful purpose; but they have had the unfortunate effect of setting the Indians apart from other American citizens and creating around them a general atmosphere of paternalism, which has served to keep them from realizing their full potentialities."

The church bulletin I have been holding, as I remember the graciousness of our missionary and Indian hosts, has a note under the order for worship: "May the Spirit of God so settle upon all who enter this church that they may go out of it more like Christ."

Our vacation trip is long passed and during the months since I have been reading more about the Indians. It is good for Methodist women that we are to study their problems intensively in 1955-56. Not all our missionaries are able to carry on as constructive a church and community program as we witnessed at Yuma. Every situation has problems peculiar to that setting. Poverty, paternalism, despair, have precipitated a vicious circle in which both government and church agencies have often been partners. Drunkenness, use of peyote, tuberculosis, adult illiteracy are among the discouraging problems that confront the worker in many areas.

A recent project of the Woman's Division is the rural work at the **Cherokee Indian Mission** near Asheville, North Carolina, where a deaconess has been appointed. Cherokee is the home of *Unto These Hills,* a moving drama of the Cherokee Indians that attracts thousands of tourists each summer. During the season there are daily visitors at the Cherokee Methodist Center. The purpose of the center is to provide a social, recreational, rehabilitation, and religious focus for the Cherokee Indian Reservation.

There are other places where significant progress is being made in the work of The Methodist Church. We shall be studying about them also during the year. In the July-August, 1952, issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN, I read some suggestions that Mr. Myer made regarding specific problems on which church people could help. In the Indian Service boarding schools, there are at least 8,000 Indian children without parents. Foster homes are wanted for these children! "There is a need for

student loan funds and scholarships to give an increasing number of Indian youngsters the advantage of a higher education." In communities adjacent to reservations, the non-Indians are frequently not cordial. "It is not possible to overcome this difficulty of acceptance at any but the local level, and no group probably is better able or has had more success in integrating people into community life than have the churches."

These problems are with us still. Shall we go to work on them or shall we sing that we will understand them in the by-and-by?

ON THE NAVAJO RESERVATION

By MURIEL DAY

Navajo Methodist Mission School

A FRIEND of mine declares that she always thought *Lo* was the name of an Indian, as she often heard the expression, "Lo, the poor Indian." It is a far cry from that to the recent newspaper picture and story of a Navajo girl attending Barnard College, the first of her tribe to matriculate there.

Truly, an evolutionary change is taking place in the Indian situation. More Indians are moving to the cities; more Indians of the Navajo reservation are receiving an education; more are being given an opportunity to attend off-reservation schools. But all this is secular. We as Christians see the need for Christ among the Navajos. As Mr. Willard P. Bass, superintendent of the Navajo Methodist Mission School, Farmington, New Mexico, says:

"What does the Navajo gain from secular education alone, when it destroys his religion and leaves him in a spiritual vacuum? His ignorant heathenism has simply been replaced with educated paganism. Education must be Christian to meet the great need of the Navajos. The Christian home, in cooperation with the church, is the usual means of providing Christian training for the child. With few Christian homes and few churches accessible to this scattered, isolated people, the Christian boarding school is the only agency able to provide Christian training for an appreciable number of Navajo children."

While the first objective of the school (still quoting Mr. Bass) is to "provide Navajo youth with Christian nurture in their formative years," it is a school worthy of its goal and accredited by the State of New Mexico, with an educational program which extends from pre-first grade through the senior year of high school. Its enrollment reaches almost two hundred. It has a well balanced list of athletic and recreational activities.

Bisti Boarding School, thirty-five miles distant, with fifty-six enrolled in the first three grades, is a result of the Crusade for Christ when we discovered we should reach other Indian children in a community center. Both Bisti and the larger school have needs which you are helping to meet.

Although the high school is comparatively new, there are one hundred thirty-one graduates. Of these, seventy-nine have had further training; thirteen have received college degrees, and twenty-eight are now in college. One of them, Taylor McKenzie, pictured on page 10 with his wife, also a mission graduate, and their baby, is now a medical student at Baylor University College, Houston, Texas. As far as we know, he is the first Navajo from the reservation ever to study medicine.

It is most encouraging to have graduates on the staff of the mission. At present, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Billey are the houseparents for the senior boys in the new dormitory and, with their three children, are making a homelike center for these young people.

All children have many things in common, including a yen for watermelon

Leon V. Kofod

The Answer Is in Your Hands

By MRS. ALVIN B. PFEIFFER

IT WAS the festive holiday season. Mary and John, attending an open house at the home of friends, were disappointed to find that alcoholic beverages were being served. Evidently the convictions their friends once had against alcohol had not been strong enough to withstand the pressure of social drinking in the new neighborhood into which they had moved.

Mary and John had Cokes and joined some acquaintances in the library in time to hear this story:

"Our fifteen-year-old Judy was invited to a girl friend's home for a pajama party on New Year's Eve. We allowed her to accept, for we knew most of the girls who were to attend as well as the parents of the young hostess. They all belonged to our crowd.

"At midnight we called Judy to wish her a Happy New Year. Over the phone we heard loud, wild laughter, and sensed at once that something was wrong when we were told Judy was sleeping. We hurried over to the party where we found two empty whisky bottles and three girls unconscious—one of them our Judy. Amid the profuse apologies from the parents, who had thought it permissible for the girls to celebrate, we wrapped Judy in a blanket and took her home.

"The thing that disturbs us is that Judy thinks it is all a big joke. What has gotten into our children? What is the answer?"

In the shocked stillness, John looked at the cocktail glass in the storyteller's hand and said quietly, "The answer is in your hand."

Mature, thoughtful people are concerned about the drinking problem among the young, and Christian women need to do something about it.[1] First and foremost they must understand that their own example in this respect must be above reproach.

Angelo Patri, the well-known educator, has said:

"It is family habit, family examples, which condition children in their beliefs and habits. If your little boy sees you drink beer, he will probably become a beer drinker. If he sees you pour a drink of whiskey when you come in from work, he probably will drink whiskey when he reaches the late teens. The Bible says the fathers eat sour grapes and the teeth of children are put on edge." (Ezekiel 18:2.)

The answer is in your hand. Take an active lead in changing the prevalent social drinking pattern to one of total abstinence.

This past year the American comic-book business learned a lesson in the power of public opinion. It is high time that the alcohol beverage industry learned the same lesson. Our newspapers are filled with accounts of drinking among teen-agers.

The 84th Congress will undoubtedly be asked to consider a bill which would prevent the advertising of all alcoholic beverages in interstate media—many newspapers, most magazines, and all network radio and TV programs.[2] There is considerable confused thinking concerning this bill. We hear people say that the passage of this bill would violate the rights of free enterprise, that alcoholic beverages are a legal product and should have the same freedom to advertise as other consumer goods. This sounds like a valid argument but it does not stand scrutiny. The industry is not a free industry. It is a licensed industry. Laws regulate what, where, when, and to whom alcoholic beverages may be sold. Any bill regulating the advertising of liquor rests on these facts.

Most parents would like to free their children from the constant and persuasive liquor advertising to which they are subjected over television and radio, and through magazines. Express your convictions to your congressman.

When teen-agers see from which glass you drink,
When you write your congressman what you think,
The answer is in your hand.

[1] See the article, "Student Drinking Is Our Problem," by Don Kuhn, page 37, the March issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.
Send for the folder, *College Drinking*, by Richard N. Bender. Available from TEM Press, 100 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington 2, D. C. Order No. 251. $3.00 per hundred.

[2] Congress is certain to consider the matter of alcohol advertising again in 1955. At this writing the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce still has before it the reports requested as follow-up to the Bryson Bill hearings last fall (February 7 *Clipsheet*).

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JAPAN

Osaka Social Center

Many of you have heard of our Social Center in Osaka that is sponsored by our school, and where I work one day a week. It is in the very heart of this large city and we feel it is making an invaluable contribution to the community.

We have a kindergarten, a nursery school, and a program for the children after school in addition to a church which is an outgrowth of our work. Last summer our center was one among forty in the whole country to receive special citation by the Emperor. Our head teacher was called to Tokyo and the Emperor himself presented her with a gift and a certificate of recognition. This, we feel, was quite an honor, and assures us of further financial assistance from the government in our cooperative project in Osaka.

Our Children's Club is for school children and necessarily has all activities after school hours. We help the boys and girls with their homework and give special training in art and writing. The children have taken first places in city contests each year in these two skills. Recently we have received contributions from the Kobe Woman's Club and friends in America to begin a Children's Library and a Toy Lending Library. These will make an invaluable contribution to the boys and girls in that densely populated area. Our number one problem now is more space, so that we can provide more adequate programs to meet the needs of the children.

—Sallie E. Carroll

LIBERIA

Ganta Mission

Progress is the general tone of affairs about the Ganta Mission. The tract of land where the mission has permission to cut timber for the sawmill is to be included in one of the Point Four sponsored Forest Reserves of Liberia. Hundreds of West African mahogany and terminalia seedlings have been planted. A row of seven two-room, sun-dried brick houses has been built for residents of the leper colony, and the government provides the funds for the building project.

Stonecutters sing their accompaniment to the rhythmic tinkling of hammers and chisels. Their shapely stones are raising the church walls toward ceiling level. The rock and cement foundations for the new Medical Service Wing are completed—also cement foundations for the Girls' Hostel.

Ganta Mission's largest eighth-grade class will graduate next month, two girls and five boys. Some of the boys will attend high school at the College of West Africa next year. One member of the graduating class and his brother, who has recently returned from the United States, were in the movie, "From Darkness to Light."

Evangelism progresses in neighboring villages and often we are invited to attend dedication services at some small chapel built of sticks and mud by the new converts. The new light on the faces of those who have "turned their hearts" is inspiring to see. Recently, a ten-day Bible school was held at Ganta for sixty church members. The movies, "The Calling of Matthew," and "The King of Kings" were shown, and made a deep impression.

—Margaret May Prentice

BRAZIL

News Flashes

Isabela Hendrix, a primary and secondary school at Belo Horizonte, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in December, 1954. Miss Verda Farrar is the principal.

In Rio de Janeiro, the Allie Cobb Buyers Memorial Building at the People's Institute was dedicated in December. This new building provides for adequate classroom facilities.

During the Week of Religious Emphasis at Piracicabano College, where Misses Irene Hesselgesser and Frances Bowden are teachers, several students made first decisions for Christ.

The Methodist Institute in Santo Amaro, São Paulo, under the leadership of Miss Sara Bennett, is ready to launch a new course for more advanced students, while continuing to help girls with less preparation.

Miss Lena May Hoerner, who retired from Crandon Institute in February, 1953, spent ten months in Rio de Janeiro, helping to reorganize the library at Bennett College. In December she went to Lima, Peru, where she is spending a few months assisting in the remodeling of the Home Economics Department to make a more effective program.

The choir of the School of Sacred Music, Bennett College, Rio de

Janeiro, had a wonderful trip to São Paulo. Under the direction of Mr. Albert Ream, the group presented eight programs to a total estimated audience of about two thousand people. They also gave a televised program, and have received a request from the Ministry of Education to produce some Christmas sacred music for its radio broadcasts. Their Vesper Hour of Sacred Music at Christmas received widespread acclaim.

MALAYA

World Day of Prayer

Miss Mabel Nowlin, Singapore, Malaya, sent an interesting account of the manner in which the women there observed the World Day of Prayer. It is inspiring to know that prayers joined those of the West in lifting both hemispheres to new spiritual levels.

The committee making plans for the World Day of Prayer met in the Woman's Division of Christian Service residence. The only Asian women on the committee were five strong Methodist women—Mrs. M. T. Fang, Mrs. Araduray, Miss Hwang Kuan Eng (president of Singapore Chinese District, Woman's Society of Christian Service), Mary Liu, and Mrs. Loong (president of Malaya Conference, Singapore District, Woman's Society of Christian Service). Presbyterians and Anglicans had only missionary women on the committee. The Chinese translation of the service came to them from Hong Kong, and English copies reached them in good time. Thus the Christian women of Singapore used the very same ritual which was followed in America and around the world.

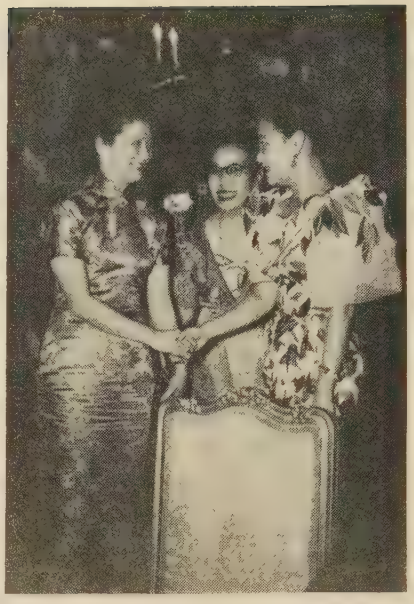
SO SORRY

Three lines were dropped from the list of Woman's Division members of North Central Jurisdiction, page 23 of the April issue. Please insert the following under Mrs. J. N. Rodeheaver's name and after Recording Secretary of Woman's Division 1948-1952:

Chairman, Department of Work in Home Fields 1952-

Mrs. Charles E. Wegner (1948), St. Paul, Minnesota.

Chairman, Department of Work in Foreign Fields 1951-



Mrs. Marie Liang, a leading Methodist woman of Hong Kong, shaking hands with Madame Magsaysay, First Lady of the Philippines, at the Seventh Pan-Pacific Women's Conference held in Manila under the auspices of the Pan-Pacific Women's Association. There was a large attendance throughout the two weeks, with 148 delegates and about 600 observers from 21 countries. "The general atmosphere of the audience was an expression of warm hearts—perhaps just as warm as the tropical climate in Manila," according to Mrs. Liang. The main theme for the conference was "Social and Economic Interdependence." Working groups fully discussed specific topics with reference to the main theme. In the center of the picture is Mrs. F. Silva of the Philippine delegation.

Mrs. Brooks in Hyderabad

(*Continued from page 5*)

Monthly meetings are more interesting and helpful, because worship, business, work, and fun are combined to make up the program. In this fourteenth year, we look backward with gratitude for inspiration and strength gained from experiences, and we look forward to the future made possible by deepened spiritual fellowship and increased resources."

Mrs. DeSilva, a former student and now a teacher in Stanley Girls' High School, gave a report on behalf of the alumnae. "The graduates of Stanley Girls' High School are living up to their motto: 'By love, serve one another,'" she stated. "They are serving all over India as principals of schools, teachers, lecturers in colleges, doctors and nurses in hospitals, and students in the medical and arts colleges. We are grateful to you, Mrs. Brooks, and to the women of America for what we are today."

RESOLUTION

By now all our readers no doubt know that Mrs. Brooks was called home from her trip in Asia by the sudden death of her husband. The message reached her in Burma. She was able to secure a plane reservation for her return to Mount Vernon, Iowa, where Dr. Brooks was buried on March 10.

The following resolution was adopted by the Woman's Division at the April meeting of the Executive Committee:

Frank Gary Brooks, B.S., A.M., Sc.D.

***Be it resolved*, That the members of the Woman's Division of Christian Service meeting in Executive Committee rise in remembrance of Dr. Frank Gary Brooks of Mount Vernon, Iowa.**

We honor one whose life exemplified the full measure of Christian stewardship; whose brilliant mind was dedicated not only to the advancement of scientific knowledge in the field of biology, but also to the achievement of the Kingdom of God through service to his church as a Christian layman.

At all times his partner in that stewardship was his wife, Laura Jean Brooks. Through his unmeasured giving of time and means, through his encouragement and influence, he helped make possible her outstanding leadership in The Methodist Church as president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Through his personal devotion to her and the office to which she was called, he made a notable contribution to her able administration.

When responsibilities of office made great demands upon her time and energy, his unselfish cooperation enabled her to give first place to her administrative duties.

When she was confronted with serious problems, his wisdom was hers to share.

In time of strain, his strength was a sustaining resource.

When achievements were noteworthy, his joy in such achievements was evidence of his commitment to the purposes of this organization.

In recognition of his distinctive service, we pay this tribute to his memory.

To Laura Jean Brooks, his wife; to his daughter, Cornelia Hull; and to other members of the family, heartfelt expressions of sympathy and consolation are hereby extended.

Resolutions Committee

Women and Work: SAN JUAN'S WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

By BETTY THOMPSON

PUERTO RICO'S progressive capital city has a woman mayor. In this emerging democracy where for many years the Spanish colonial pattern—the man as breadwinner, the woman in the home—persisted, there is a growing number of professional women. In the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, U. S. A., there is, of course, universal suffrage. This has not been true of all Latin-American countries. In the Caribbean island of Haiti, women have only just been accorded the right to vote.

Among Puerto Rican Methodists in San Juan, a sprawling city of over 200,000, are many women who work: teachers, social workers, office workers, government employees. In a land where families are large and the demand for education ever greater, many married women work to help educate their children and lift their living standard.

The Wesleyan Service Guild of metropolitan San Juan, a city-wide organization embracing members of eight churches, organized only two years ago, has overcome problems of transportation and communication to become highly successful.

Good-looking, vibrant Dorcas Urdaz Perez, a former high-school teacher who is assistant executive secretary of the Association for Crippled Children, is president of the Wesleyan Service Guild. Meetings are held at a different church each month on Sunday afternoon, so that the working women can devote several hours to it. A unique feature of this Guild is that it also serves as a kind of workshop for members of the Woman's Society who are employed.

"Here in Puerto Rico most of the women leaders in church work are employed outside the home," says Miss Ruth Ferguson, the red-headed deaconess who helped organize the Guild. "As a consequence all the Woman's Societies meet at night. There was a definite need for a Wesleyan Service Guild with its special emphasis as well."

Both Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and Miss Lillian A. Johnson, secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, have visited the thriving young Wesleyan Service Guild of San Juan. On a trip to Puerto Rico in January, 1954, Mrs. Brooks participated in the then year-old Guild's monthly Sunday afternoon session. Upon her return, she said to Miss Johnson, "You must see that Guild!"

Miss Dorcas Urdaz Perez, president of the San Juan Guild.

In 1955 Miss Johnson and Miss Muriel Day spoke at this Wesleyan Service Guild on a warm January afternoon when it met at Puerta de Tierra Church. They found enthusiasm and fine fellowship among a large group of women ranging in age from young girls in their first jobs to grandmothers with an equally wide range vocationally.

The visitors from the States heard the Guild report on some of its activities. Reports were in Spanish, but Miss Perez translated them. Mrs. Marie Diaz, a schoolteacher who is an expert in audio-visual aids and was a delegate to the Assembly of the Woman's Division in Milwaukee in 1954, told how new Guild members were being recruited. This Guild meets in a church which as yet has no representation in the Guild, and thus presents the program to potential members.

Reception at the home of District Superintendent Dr. Rico Saltero. *Front row, left to right:* Miss Muriel Day, Mrs. Ellis Plyler, wife of the National Council of Churches rural co-ordinator for Puerto Rico, Miss Lillian A. Johnson, and Miss Helen Aldrich, superintendent of George O. Robinson School.

GIFTS FOR APPROPRIATIONS
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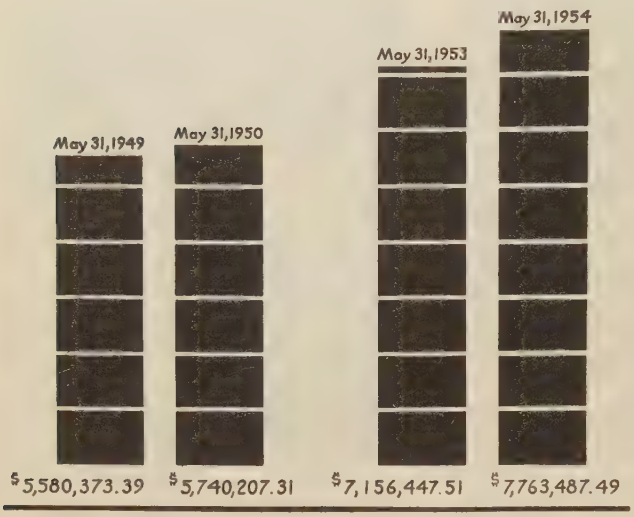
1948-52 & 1952-56



TOTAL	1953 & 1954	$14,919,935.00	
TOTAL	1949 & 1950	$11,320,580.70	
	INCREASE	$ 3,599,354.30	31 %

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

These charts were presented to the members of the Woman's Division of Christian Service at their Annual Meeting in January, 1955, at Cincinnati, Ohio, as a part of the report of the treasurer, Miss Henrietta Gibson. They give comparative figures for the first two years of the 1948-1952 quadrennium with those for the first two years of the present quadrennium 1952-1956. These figures are so significant that THE METHODIST WOMAN is printing them for the information of its readers.

JURISDICTION PLEDGES
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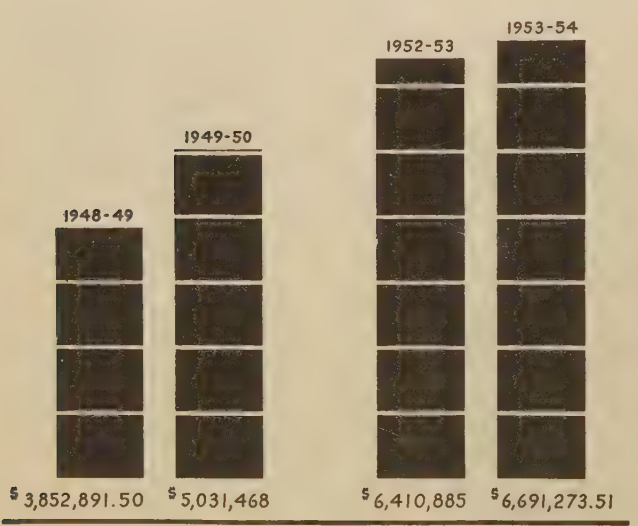
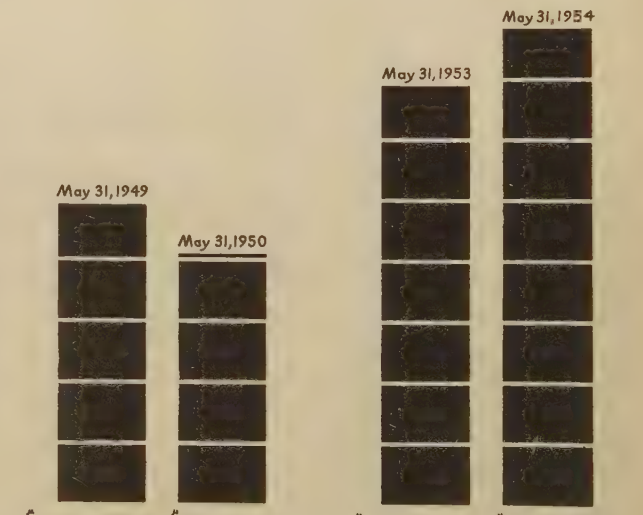


TOTAL	1953 & 1954	$13,102,158.51	
TOTAL	1949 & 1950	$ 8,884,359.50	
	INCREASE	$ 4,217,799.01	47 %

CASH FOR SUPPLY WORK
for first two years of quadrennia
1948-52 & 1952-56



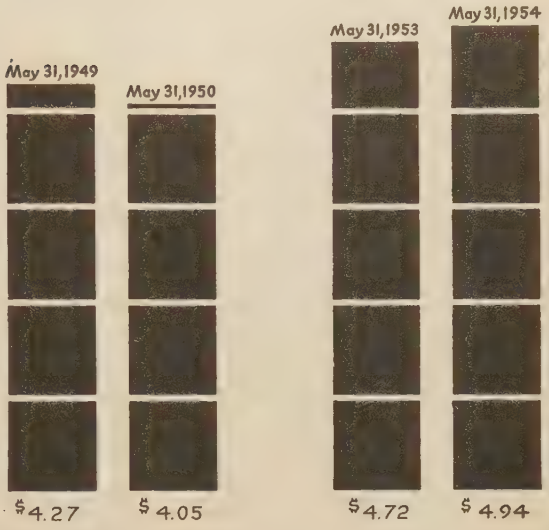
TOTAL	1953 & 1954	$1,478,708.18	
TOTAL	1949 & 1950	$ 894,035.58	
	INCREASE	$ 584,672.60	65 %

1. **Gifts for Appropriations for the two years 1952-53 and 1953-54 increased $3,599,-354.30 over those for the two years 1948-49 and 1949-50, or 31 per cent.**
2. **Pledges of the six Jurisdiction Woman's Societies for the two years 1952-53 and 1953-54 increased $4,217,799.01 over those for the two years 1948-49 and 1949-50, or 47 per cent.**
3. **Cash Gifts for Supply Work for the two years 1952-53 and 1953-54 increased $584,-672.60 over those for the years 1948-49 and 1949-50, or 65 per cent.**
4. **Week of Prayer and Self-Denial Gifts for the two years 1952-53 and 1953-54 increased $193,914.63 over those for the two years 1948-49 and 1949-50, or 26 per cent.**
5. **Total receipts of the Woman's Division for the two years 1952-53 and 1953-54 increased $4,196,784.72 over those for the two years 1948-49 and 1949-50, or 29 per cent.**
6. **Per capita giving for the two years 1952-53 and 1953-54 increased $1.34 over that for the two years 1948-49 and 1949-50, or 16.1 per cent.**

PER CAPITA GIVING

for first two years of quadrennia

1948-52 & 1952-56



TOTAL	1953 & 1954	$ 9.66	
TOTAL	1949 & 1950	$ 8.32	
	INCREASE	$ 1.34	16.10 %

GIFTS FOR WEEK OF PRAYER

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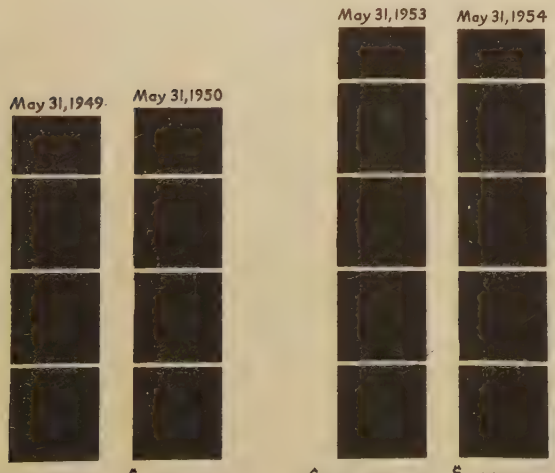
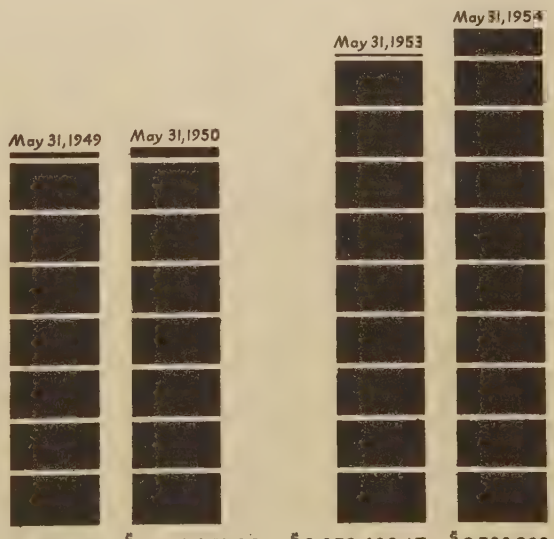


TOTAL	1953 & 1954	$932,067.13	
TOTAL	1549 & 1950	$738,152.50	
	INCREASE	$193.914.63	26 %

TOTAL RECEIPTS

for first two years of quadrennia

1948-52 & 1952-56



TOTAL	1953 & 1954	$18,641,567.77	
TOTAL	1949 & 1950	$14,444,783.05	
	INCREASE	$ 4,196,784.72	29 %

Happy New Year

To New Circle Chairmen

By DOROTHY BLAKE

SINCE the fiscal year of the Woman's Society of Christian Service runs from June 1 to May 31, it is quite in order to wish all the officers a happy new year, but I want to greet the new circle chairmen, especially, for I was one once upon a time. If you are searching for information and help, let me suggest that you order the leaflet *Circles.** Then read the article "Circles Are Alive" on page 16 of the December, 1953, issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN. The June, 1953, issue carried a short article on the duties of a circle chairman that I think is worth repeating:

The circle chairman is an important person. To a large extent, she is responsible for the interest and effectiveness of the women in her circle. Her spirit is reflected in the plans, program, and activities undertaken by the group. A circle chairman should possess the attributes of a president for she, too, is a presiding officer.

She is a member of the executive committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. At the meetings of this committee, she represents her circle and speaks for the members in the discussion of policies and adoption of plans.

Then she reports to the circle any actions taken by the executive committee, explains the budget, and any other business transacted, and interprets the total program.

"One loving heart sets another on fire." An enthusiastic, committed, cooperative circle chairman can set the tone, change attitudes, if necessary, and win the loyal support of the circle members for the work.

To the above I would add that one of the concerns of the chairman is to see that the members attend both the circle and the Woman's Society meetings. This is no easy task. Each member must be given special consideration. A chairman should never be discouraged if some women resist the circle invitations throughout the entire year. Rather this should be a challenge to try new methods of approach, to see that interesting programs are presented, and to build a real feeling of fellowship within the group.

It is important that members have a sense of belonging. A calling committee to remind the members of the meeting and a courtesy chairman to send notes to the bereaved and the sick, and even the absentees, are means to this end.

In some places the circles meet in the homes and refreshments are served so that the circle meeting often becomes a popular social event. Then the members become *circle minded* and the problem is to secure an attendance at the monthly meeting of the Woman's Society. Various devices may be used. Sometimes members of a circle sit together at the Society meeting. As the chairman reports the number of her members who are present, they stand. It is wise to build up the *esprit de corps* of the group so that the women will take just pride in having their circle well represented.

Putting circles to work at the monthly meeting has produced results. Circles may take turns acting as hostesses of the Woman's Society meeting, with circle members greeting the guests at the door and ushering them to seats. In the same way, circles may take turns for the social hour, being responsible for the refreshments and for the serving.

A *Circle-of-the-Month* contest increased the attendance at the monthly meeting of the Woman's Society of Christ Church in New York City according to the story on page 27 of the March issue. An imaginative circle chairman will find many ways in which to cooperate with the president of the Society in helping to create interest in the total program.

Even though you may be timid as you begin the work, you will soon overcome that if you meet the various situations with good judgment. Tact is a desired attribute especially at this time of year following the rotation of circle memberhips. You may find some members in your circle who are not happy to be there. You must decide whether to acknowledge the situation or ignore it. In any event, do your very best to make the disgruntled ones feel that they are welcome and appreciated. Never grant for a moment that they are going to drop out. Try to make them feel at home and do everything to encourage their participation in the circle activities.

Loyalty to the Woman's Society president, officers, and actions of the executive committee is another trait to cultivate. There are bound to be differences of opinion. Speak your mind on every issue when you have a chance, and then be governed by the rule of the majority when the action is taken.

Certainly a circle chairman will feel the need of prayer for guidance in carrying on the activities of the year, and will put the spiritual side of the work first. Every meeting should have a program giving information on the work supported by Methodist women. There are several sources for program material, one being the suggestions found every month in THE METHODIST WOMAN. Whatever the program, it is well to keep two objectives in mind: to help deepen the spiritual life of the members, and to secure their willing cooperation in all the plans and program of the Woman's Society.

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Our Purpose and Emblem

OPENING HYMN: "We Thank Thee, Lord" (*The Methodist Hymnal,* No. 458).

PRAYER.

LEADER *(holds up picture of emblem):* An emblem is a "visible sign or representation of an idea." This emblem is a symbol of the purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Every member should be familiar with the purpose and know the meaning of the emblem. (See page 9 for emblem.)

The triangle is highly symbolic representing first, the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Second, in the light of unification the triangle stands for the three united branches of Methodism. Third, it also symbolizes the united organizations of Methodist women—the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the Ladies' Aid Society, now all resolved into the Woman's Division of Christian Service with its three departments of work—the Department of Work in Home Fields, the Department of Work in Foreign Fields, and the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.

The name, Woman's Society of Christian Service of The Methodist Church, appears on the triangle. The fact that the name was placed there is significant, for the triangle according to our interpretation suggests unity and therefore is a visual presentation of the first statement of the purpose—"to unite all the women of the church in Christian living and service."

The Methodist women who began the work left a rich heritage of service. The leaders at the time of unification accepted the challenge to continue that service by adopting the fifth statement of the purpose—"to take part in such service activities as will strengthen the local church, improve civic, community, and world conditions."

READER: John 21:15-19; Matthew 28:16-20.

LEADER: The triangle encloses the two hemispheres. This, too, is important, for we believe in a global gospel and our work extends to the ends of the earth. As Methodist Women we have an opportunity through our world-wide organization to help build a world Christian community as we carry out the second and fourth statements of our purpose—"to help develop and support Christian work among women and children around the world" and "to study the needs of the world."

At the center towering above the hemispheres stands the cross, the symbol of our Christian faith. It conveys the challenging message, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The cross above the hemisphere reminds us that "the supreme aim of missions is to make the Lord Jesus Christ known to all peoples in all lands as their divine Savior."

A program so extensive as the Woman's Society of Christian Service requires organization. And some organizational machinery is necessary, but the machinery must be charged with the spirit of personal and sacrificial Christian service. The cross in the center of the emblem also emphasizes the third statement of the purpose—"to develop the spiritual life."

HYMN: "Christ's Life Our Code" (*The Methodist Hymnal,* No. 331).

LEADER: The outer circle is a wreath of Old World laurel—a symbol of achievement and victory in meeting the objectives stated in the purpose—"To this end, this organization shall seek to enlist women, young people, and children in this Christian fellowship, and to secure funds for the activities in the local church and support of the work undertaken at home and abroad for the establishment of a world Christian community."

Looking at the emblem with this explanation in mind may we repeat the purpose.

IN UNISON: **The purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service shall be to unite all the women of the church in Christian living and service; to help develop and support Christian work among women and children around the world; to develop spiritual life; to study the needs of the world; to take part in such service activities as will strengthen the local church, improve civic, community and world conditions. To this end this organization shall seek to enlist women, young people, and children in this Christian fellowship, and to secure funds for the activities in the local church and support of the work undertaken at home and abroad for the establishment of a World Christian Community.**

HYMN: "A Charge to Keep I Have" (*The Methodist Hymnal,* No. 287), verses 1 and 2.

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS:

I. News of the Month

This review may be done in the recognized manner of radio and TV news broadcasters. Suggested topics to cover are:

1. **Projects for Study Class offerings**
2. **Fall Action Project in the Youth Emphasis**
3. **Norris Scholarship Fund**
4. **All One Body We**
5. **Any Church Can Do It (Refugee)**
6. **Children's House of Bennett (June issue of *World Outlook*)**

Or assign the topics to six women to prepare two-minute speeches for the program.

II. Quiz on P's and Q's

A. Personalities. Identify:

1. **Elizabeth Blois**
2. **Floyd Shacklock**
3. **Sallie E. Carroll**
4. **David D. Jones**
5. **Lillian A. Johnson**
6. **Willard P. Bass**
7. **Ethel Watkins**
8. **May L. Titus**
9. **Mrs. Howard Weems**
10. **Lena May Hoerner**

B. Quotes. Complete statements and give the source:

1. ". . . we, as church women should. . . ."

2. ". . . keep two objectives in mind. . . ."

3. ". . . begin a whsipering campaign. . . ."

4. "The executive committee is a representative body. . . ."

5. ". . . place it now in Pledge to Missions."

THE CHRISTIAN MISSION IN A REVOLUTIONARY WORLD

This Revolutionary Faith, by Floyd Shacklock. Cloth $2.00; paper $1.25.

They Reach for Life, by John E. Skoglund. Cloth $2.50; paper $1.25.

Hope Rises From the Land, by Ralph A. Felton. Cloth $2.50; paper $1.50.

Adult Guide on "The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World," by William N. Wysham. Paper 50 cents.

Bridges of God, by Donald McGavran. Fall 1955. Cloth $2.50; paper $1.50.

Pattern of Things to Come, by Dorothy McConnell. Paper 75 cents.

Audio-Visual Materials

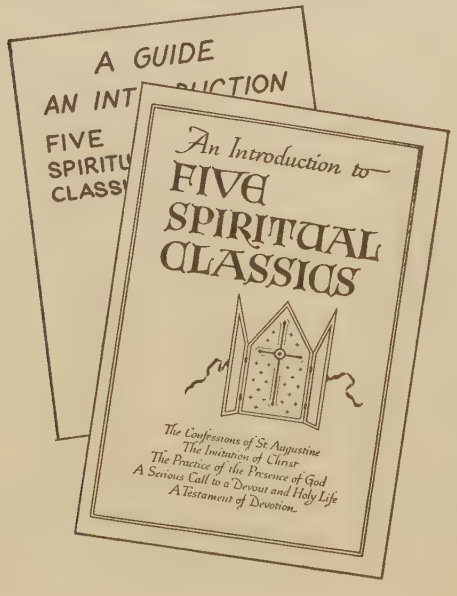
DRAMA

Cry, the Beloved Country, a Verse Drama, by Felicia Komai. Flexible Cast. Cloth $1.50; paper 75 cents.

Fear Not, by Jeanne Carruthers. 1 woman, 3 men, extras. 50 cents.

Jungle Prize, by Marion Holmes. 1 woman, 5 men. 50 cents.

The Answers, by Darius Leander Swann. Mixed voices, choral reading. Packaged only, ten copies. $1.25.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In the Face of Jeopardy. Twenty-nine-minute film in color. Rental $12.00.

Two fifteen-minute dramas from the "Let There Be Light" series. Record 1: Programs on Revolutionary World. L.P. record. Sale $2.00. Order from Broadcasting and Film Commission, 220 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, New York.

Pamphlets and Leaflets

Thy Footsteps Tracing Eagerly. Free for postage.

A Widening Way. Free.

Work Book for the Fourth Assembly. 35 cents.

Maps

What Every Church Needs. A new large WORLD MAP in six colors with important mission and ecumenical centers, 50 by 72 inches. Durable latexed material $5.00; paper $2.00.

The World Mission of The Methodist Church. New, authentic, colorful world missionary map showing Methodist mission centers. 67½ x 46½ inches. $1.00.

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An Introduction to Five Spiritual Classics—a Symposium. 65 cents.

A Guide—"*An Introduction to Five Spiritual Classics*," by Constance Garrett. 35 cents.

Recommended Editions for Further Study of the Five Spiritual Classics

Augustine (354-430), *The Confessions of St. Augustine* (A Cardinal Edition, C-27). 35 cents.

Kempis, Thomas à (1379-1471), *The Imitation of Christ* (A Cardinal Edition, C-104). 35 cents.

Lawrence, Brother (1611-1691), *Brother Lawrence: His Letters and Conversations on the Practice of the Presence of God.* 10 cents.

Law, William (1686-1691), *A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life* (Everyman's Library, No. 91). $1.65.

Kelly, Thomas R. 1893-1941), *A Testament of Devotion.* $1.00.

Living Selections From the Great Devotional Classics. Nashville: *The Upper Room.* 15 cents each, or 10 for $1.00.

Augustine, Aurelius, *Selections From Augustine.*

The Imitation of Christ.

Law, William, *A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life.*

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Finding God With the Saints, by Thomas G. Kepler. 15 cents.

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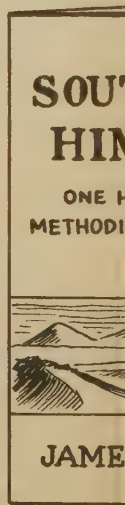

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INDIAN AMERICANS

Within Two Worlds, by David M. Cory. Cloth $2.00; paper $1.25.

The Gift Is Rich, by E. Russell Carter. Cloth $2.00; paper $1.25.

Sagebrush Surgeon, by Florence Crannell Means. Cloth $2.00; paper $1.50.

Adult Guide on "Indian Americans," by Alice Maloney. 50 cents.

Doors Toward the Sunrise, by Earle F. Dexter. Cloth $2.00; paper $1.25.

This Is the Indian American, by Louise Rossiter Shotwell. Paper 50 cents.

Audio-Visual Materials

DRAMA

Caught Between, by Helen Kramer. 2 women, 6 men, 1 boy, extras. 50 cents.

FILMS AND RECORDINGS

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Song of the Shining Mountains. Twenty-nine-minute color film. Rental $12.00.

Two fifteen-minute dramas from the "Let There Be Light" series. Record 2: Programs on Indian Americans. Order from Broadcasting and Film Commission, 220 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, New York. L.P. record. Sale $2.00.

Pamphlets and Leaflets

How Fare the First Americans? by Mary Beth Littlejohn. 15 cents.

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Maps

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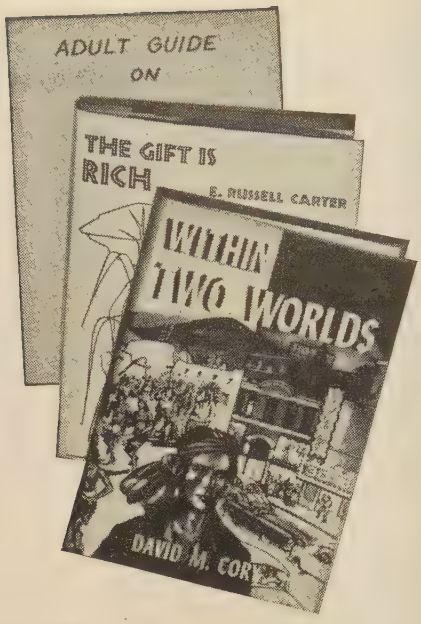
THE CHURCH-WIDE STUDY

Theme: *Methodism in Southern Asia*

South of the Himalayas—One Hundred Years of Methodism in India and Pakistan. By James K. Mathews. Paper 50 cents.

The Leader's Guide to "South of the Himalayas." Free on request for teachers.

Order all materials except filmstrip from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices. Order filmstrips from The Methodist Publishing House serving your territory.



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Guide for "To Combine Our Efforts for Lasting Peace," by Margaret R. Bender. 35 cents.

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Pamphlets and Leaflets

A Christian's Primer of Technical Assistance and Land Reform. 35 cents.

A Christian's Primer of the United Nations. 25 cents.

The Stranger at Our Gate, by Hubert H. Humphrey, Jr. New York: Public Affairs Committee, Inc. 25 cents.

Trade—And Aid, by Beatrice Pitney Lamb. New York: Public Affairs Committee, Inc. 25 cents.

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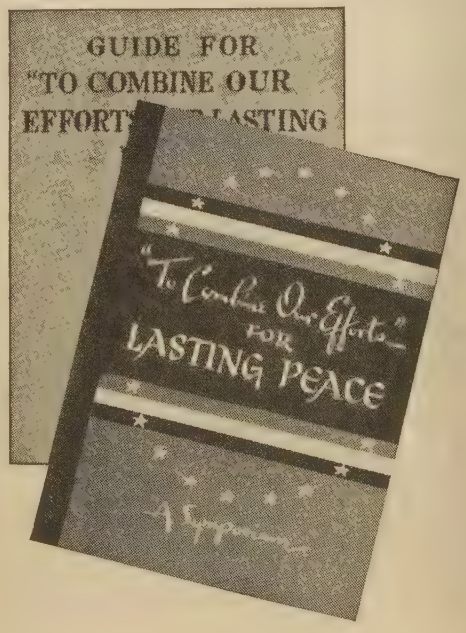

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

LILLIAN A. JOHNSON, *Secretary*

NORRIS SCHOLARSHIPS IN APPROPRIATIONS

THE Marion Lela Norris Scholarship Fund, previously counted as supplementary giving, is now to be in the regular appropriations with pledge credit. It will be a Guild Special Interest, along with the others we have for the quadrennium. Both the Department of Work in Home Fields and the Department of Work in Foreign Fields have placed an additional two thousand dollars in their appropriations for the coming year for this fund. It is the understanding that this money will come from the Wesleyan Service Guild. It must be *new money,* that is, an additional four thousand dollars in Guild pledge money for this year.

We suggest this: If you have been giving toward the Marion Lela Norris Scholarship Fund as a supplementary gift, place it now in regular *Pledge to Missions.* If you have not been giving, we urge you to add a gift for this in addition to the amount you had intended to pledge. On the report blank of the local treasurer, place all gifts to the Marion Lela Norris Fund just below the line "Pledge to Missions," and above *a. Guild projects.* Place the amount as a separate item above *Guild projects.* Mark the gift "Norris Scholarship Fund" as below:

Pledge to Missions for:

Norris Scholarship Fund $10.00

a. Guild Projects.....$____

The recommendation adopted by the Woman's Division at the Annual Meeting is as follows:

Since the standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild voted in January, 1953, to dissolve the Special Committee to administer the Marion Lela Norris Fund and place the responsibility for it in the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel, and since then no processes have been set up for routine approval for grants to be made,

IT IS RECOMMENDED that grants from the Marion Lela Norris Fund be approved for applicants accepted by the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel on the same basis as regular candidates. Exception may be made in the case of a mature applicant who is entering the freshman or sophomore year in college and when approval has been given by the members of the Woman's Division who are on the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel.

The Norris Scholarship Fund, established in honor of Miss Marion Lela Norris at the time of her retirement, is a very important source of assistance for young women who are preparing to become deaconesses and missionaries. It has often been the deciding factor for a young woman who wanted to become a missionary or deaconess, but who would not have been able to do so without financial aid. Let us put real effort into the support of this project.

A Norris Scholarship Girl Writes

Dear Miss Johnson:

Thank you for your letter requesting a statement about the Marion Lela Norris Scholarship Fund. I am most happy to do this for you. Actually, it is a favor you will be doing for me, for it gives me another chance to thank these wonderful people for the opportunity they gave me. I extend my thanks even more heartily than before, now that I find myself extremely happy in work in which I would not be engaged had the scholarship not been made available to me.

As a recipient of the Marion Lela Norris Scholarship I can truly relate the joy its results can bring. My heart bubbles over with thanks to the Wesleyan Service Guild because of my happiness in my work for the Master. I feel quite sure that had it not been for this financial aid I would have returned to merchandising, my former field.

Because the fund covered the greater portion of my college expenses, I was free to work in one of our Methodist projects each summer. This gave me the opportunity of getting better acquainted with the different fields of work, enabling me to make a more definite decision as to where I should like to put my efforts. The experiences in these summer projects were most valuable.

I always have thought of this gift to me as tithing money, and hoped that God was using me as an instrument to make it work for Him. If someone has been helped, if someone has come a little closer to God because of what I have been trying to do in my work at the Della C. Lamb Neighborhood House, part of the thanks should go to you Wesleyan Service Guild members. May your hearts be warmed because of the part you have had in it, and I pray that God may continue to work through you to help others who are interested in dedicating their lives to Christian service.

Sincerely yours,

BETTY BOWERS

Miss Bowers was commissioned a deaconess at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Missions in January, 1955. She is now in Kansas City, Missouri, the director of the Della C. Lamb Neighborhood House, a project of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

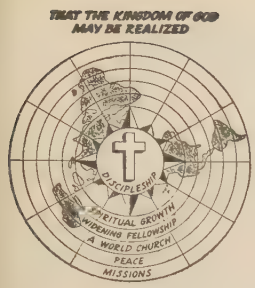

CHART AND COMPASS

ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION

MISS DORCAS HALL, *Executive Secretary,*
Section of Education and Cultivation
MRS. MAUDE WHITE HARDIE, *Assistant to the Executive Secretary*

THEME AND EMPHASES 1952-1956

THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD MAY BE REALIZED

1. WE WILL SEEK TO GROW AS CHRISTIANS.
2. WE WILL SEEK TO BRING OTHERS INTO THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP . . . OF THE CHURCH AND OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD.
3. WE WILL SEEK WITH CHRISTIANS EVERYWHERE THE SUSTAINING FELLOWSHIP AND POWER OF A WORLD CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
4. WE WILL USE ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO WORK FOR "THE THINGS THAT BELONG UNTO PEACE."
5. WE WILL PROCLAIM THE WORLD MISSION OF THE CHURCH TO BE GOD'S PLAN FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE WORLD. TO THIS END, WE WILL WORK TO MAKE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST KNOWN TO ALL PEOPLES EVERYWHERE, TO PERSUADE THEM TO BECOME HIS DISCIPLES, AND TO FOSTER THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPANSION OF THE MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
6. WE WILL ACCEPT THE PRICE OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND CHURCH COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Mrs. E. M. Tilton of Roseburg, Oregon, secretary of Foreign Work for the Western Jurisdiction, sends the following analysis. Symbols as indicated point to responsibilities which the officers of the Society may share with the various Commissions.

COMMISSION ON MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM. *Discipline,* ¶¶ 220, 221, 222.

Parallel responsibilities of Commission and Woman's Society officers.

x—indicates secretary of Spiritual Life, who is an ex officio member of the Commission.

v—indicates secretary of Promotion.

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x. 1. Promote total program of evangelism.
v. 2. Take a religious census.
x. 4. Promote use of special days, weeks, and seasons for evangelistic purposes.
x. 5. Create an evangelistic spirit.
v. 6. Make friendly visitation to encourage participation in the life and work of the church.
x. 7. Visit strangers, absentees, the ill.
x. 8. Organize prayer groups.
x. 9. Distribute devotional literature.
x. 10. Encourage private and family worship.
x. 11. Promote visitation evangelism.
v. 15. Assimilate new members into the work of the church.

COMMISSION ON EDUCATION. *Discipline,* ¶¶ 223, 224, 225. Includes a representative from the Woman's Society.

Parallel responsibilities of Commission and Woman's Society officers.

x—indicates secretaries of Student, Youth, Children's Work.

v—indicates vice-president.

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x. 2. Study education needs.
x. 5. Opportunities for initiative and expression on part of youth.
v. 6. (d) Observance of special days and occasions.
v. (e) Study groups in marriage and Christian homemaking.
x. (f) Information about church-related institutions of higher learning, Wesley Foundations, et cetera (secretary of Student Work).

COMMISSION ON MISSIONS. *Discipline,* ¶¶ 236, 237.

Parallel responsibilities of Commission and Woman's Society officers.

x—indicates secretary of Missionary Education and Service.

v—indicates secretaries of Student, Youth, Children's Work.

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x., v. 1. Diffuse missionary information and literature. Use missionary visual aids.
x., v. 2. Cooperate in church-wide school of missions.
x. 3. Study local community for missionary projects.
x., v. 4. Develop missionary life and spirit in the local church.

The secretary of Youth Work functions through the Methodist Youth Fellowship in the Christian Outreach area.

The secretary of Children's Work functions through the Children's Division of the church school.

Suggested Resource Persons for Committees

World Peace.
Social Life.
Temperance.
} Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, or a member of her committee.

Good Literature. Secretary of Literature and Publications.

Christian Vocations. Secretary of Youth Work.

Nominating Committee of the Church. Secretary of Status of Women, whose task it is to be on the alert for women particularly fitted for various places of service.

Observance of Fifteenth Anniversary

THE Woman's Division of Christian Service Executive Committee at its meeting in September, 1954, voted the following:

That, in recognition of fifteen years of organization of Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild, attention be centered on the individual and the worth of the Society and the Guild to the individual.

The ways for carrying out the Anniversary observance are up to *you*. You have talented people in your group who can write a play, plan a ritual service, prepare a speaking choir, or some other type of presentation.

It may be that your group would rather have speakers present the development of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild from 1940 to 1955. Whether yours is a large group or a small one, you can work out such a plan. The speaker need not be from the outside. A local member frequently can bring fully as effective a message.

Some of you might like to have a workshop where in small groups you would discuss what had been done in the various areas and lines up to 1955 and bring in your findings to the group as a whole, so that the progress that has been made could be seen and the plans for future study could be outlined.

This may have to be a *special* day, Sunday afternoon or evening or some evening other than the regular meeting day.

The executive committee is a representative body that can work out the plans for the observance. Be creative. Make this, in each case, something of your own. You may find some suggestion in the following for your own creative activity:

1) Have group discussion of what has happened since you organized.

2) Give a play with the charter members discussing plans and goals for a new Society and the present members showing what has happened (flashbacks).

3) Discuss changes that have taken place during fifteen years in:

   a) Individuals—Babies are in the MYF, three-year-olds are in college groups, ten-year-olds are young marrieds or in the Wesleyan Service Guild.

   b) Woman's Society of Christian Service—What progress in fifteen years? Charter members, circles, and general meetings, Wesleyan Service Guild.

   c) Mission work at home and abroad—Types of work. Have a missionary speak on growth and changes in the field.

   d) Community relations—Development of U.N. and what accomplished. Development of other community projects.

4) Show relationships and how they have developed.
   a) Children and additional sessions.
   b) Youth through MYF.
   c) Students.
   d) Wesleyan Service Guild.

5) Honor charter members
   a) With Special Memberships.
   b) With statement of what they have done.

6) Honor new members.
   a) A new member for each charter member.
   b) Have a special emphasis on getting new members for this meeting.

7) Show how changes since 1940 caused by:

a) World War II b) Peace c) Korean War d) U.N.	have resulted in changes	in Church	WSCS and WSG	Individual

8) Demonstrate growth in Spirit by ritual or song.

   Spiritual emphasis not static.

9) Growth in Giving.

   As we become concerned by the needs of the world, we *have* to increase our giving. Treasure Chests could be given out with new emphasis on the need of each individual to help make Christ known around the world.

10) *Check progress.*

   a) Chart to check achievements made and the places where improvement is needed. This should include more than numbers. It should include *program* areas, *spiritual* growth, *giving, knowledge* and *understanding* of work here and abroad, *Charter of Racial Policies, alcohol, work with children and youth,* et cetera.

   b) Check recruitment from your Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild.

   How many missionaries and deaconesses from your church since 1940?
   Have you assumed the responsibility for a missionary?

c) Check relationships of the Woman's Society of Christian Service with:

1. Wesleyan Service Guild.
2. Circles.
3. Church Commissions.
4. Interdenominational Groups.
5. World Christian Church.

11) *Party plans.*

a) Mother-Daughter banquet — emphasizing children and youth in the Woman's Society of Christian Service program and showing in this program how they become active.

b) Old-and-New Member banquet.

c) Tea—honoring *Charter* and *new* members. Crystal and white candles, and birthday cake.

Special memberships.

d) Refreshments—get acquainted with new members.

12) Between the time you have your anniversary celebration and the November Thanksgiving service, there should be an opportunity for evaluation, personal as well as for circles and monthly meetings. Then the Litany of Thanksgiving will have real meaning for all.

The conclusion of the anniversary celebration brings us to the last half of this quadrennium and to the plans for a new quadrennium. Let us try to make the Fifteenth Anniversary observance lead up to the close of the quadrennium so that there will be a sense of accomplishment, but also a feeling of need to go forward into the new quadrennium with the determination to attempt even greater things.

"The greatest joy of joys shall be the joy of going on." [1]

[1] From *Songs of the Average Man* by Sam Walter Foss. Used by permission of Lothrop, Lee and Shepard Co., Inc., New York.

New York Herald Tribune,
Ira Rosenberg

The picture accompanying the World of Light Meditation (see THE METHODIST WOMAN, December, 1954, issue, page 25) takes on added appropriateness and human interest, in the reading of a letter that followed close upon the publishing of the picture. The letter was addressed to the Editor of THE METHODIST WOMAN as an expression of interest and appreciation—not for publication; but its message, which explains itself, is such that we take pleasure in sharing it here.

Cherryville, North Carolina
December 11, 1954

Dear Mrs. Meeker:

Imagine my surprise and delight when I opened my copy of The Methodist Woman, December issue, and found our daughter's picture on page 25. This picture was made last June in Madison Square Garden. Mr. Larsen, who is superintendent of the Cherryville City Schools, and I, a teacher, were delegates to the National N.E.A. meeting there. . . .

Our entire family is Methodist and has been for many years. My father, Dr. Jordan W. Carter, was a member of the Kentucky Conference and taught theology at Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky. . . .

Our daughter Mary Fenton, along with us, has been very active in The Methodist Church. She was assistant organist at the First Church here. She is now a freshman at Woman's College in Greensboro, North Carolina. Her major is Home Economics.

We thought that you would be interested to know that you had selected "unknowingly" a typical Methodist girl.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Fenton L. Larson

TOWARD GLOBAL THINKING

A serious roadblock to understanding the new global relations of the United States is misconception of simple geographical relationships. . . . The world is round anyway you look at it. . . . The librarian of a New Hampshire public library, responding to a questionnaire regarding the use of globes, replied "If people in general do not begin to think in terms of the world as a whole, they are probably doomed."

The roundness of the earth is very real in human relations. A globe is not merely an ornament nor a backdrop for photographs. . . . We cannot really comprehend many of our own national problems except in their true relationships to the whole. . . .

He who would solve world problems must understand them;

He who would understand world problems must visualize them; and

He who would visualize world problems should study them on the spherical surface of a globe.

It is not only the United States but also most of the other nations of the world that are experiencing global relations for the first time in their history. . . . It sometimes seems that vast new human energies would be released if we were to nourish faith in the integrity of the universe and its Creator, in the sound principles enunciated by our forefathers in each of our culture worlds, and in the ability and desire of many of our fellow men of all lands to rise above the inane excesses of nationalism that sometimes seem to threaten to engulf us all. . . . When children begin early to see and think in world terms, realistically related to the roundness of the earth, the solution of world problems will become tractable.

(Excerpts from *Global Relations of the United States* by S. Whittemore Boggs, Special Adviser on Geography, Department of State. From the Department of State Bulletin of June 14, 1954.)

Making Plans Live

When the local member, familiarizing herself with the general plans suggested for the Woman's Society, sees them in the light of her own situation and adapts them to the needs of her particular group, these generalities come alive. There is unrealized creative power in every local group, large or small, which, applied, assures an ever new freshness of approach. For example:

Week of Prayer and Self-Denial

The local Society at Greensburg, Kentucky, has a secretary of Spiritual Life who is both housewife and schoolteacher, and a believer in sharing the experiences which come to her in connection with her office through enlisting other members' cooperation. The Week of Prayer and Self-Denial last October began in advance through the sending out of promotional material. On Tuesday, the church was open for prayer and people came in at their convenience. On Wednesday, the home members (they have seventeen Golden Link members) were visited and presented with literature, bringing them up to date in friendly fashion on the activities of the Woman's Society. Thursday was a day of home prayer meetings with a guided program. Friday was the climax. The church was decorated with "fruits of the autumn"—sumac, chrysanthemums, fall fruits, and vegetables. Three meditations preceded the supper hour, which was a meal of silence, with each table decorated to represent a project of the Week of Prayer. At the conclusion of the meal these projects were explained and made to "come alive." A candlelight Communion service followed. During this service, all eyes were drawn to a projected picture of Jesus looking down upon the city.

A Program for Subdistrict Meetings

In the South Georgia Conference, a program for subdistrict meetings was built from a variety of material in various issues of THE METHODIST WOMAN through the year. "Treasures Are People" (May, 1954, page 30) was given by a number of women, as Part I. Part II was "Something New in Officers' Training" (March, 1954, page 28) bringing in specific references to their own conference statistics and responsibilities. Part III was an adaptation of "Talking Treasure" (January, 1954, page 17), the setting being a mother and her "child" (another woman) in conversation at lunch in their own home about the Treasure Chest, into which the mother has just dropped a coin. The closing devotional period was on the theme "The Master Calleth for Thee."

Friendship With Foreign Students. **Ohio Wesleyan University—as most good Methodists know—is located in Delaware, Ohio. The Carrie Barge Circle of St. Paul's Methodist Church recently made an afghan and presented it to Miss Elaine Cho who is returning to Korea to serve on the staff of Ewha University, Seoul. Miss Cho has been studying at Ohio Wesleyan. Shown in the accompanying picture are the chairman of the Circle and Miss Cho, holding the afghan. In the background are the sixteen women who participated in the project.**

Information and Action

Dear Friends:

A year has passed since the Assembly was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. At that time special emphasis was placed on "Jesus Christ—The Way" *in National and International Affairs* with reference to the responsibility of *individual Christian citizens.* In these intervening months the gravity of the issues confronting the nations and policy-making bodies of the world has increased. What our own nation does to meet these crises is *our responsibility.* That is why we are compelled to "keep our ear to the ground" and know what are the most urgent issues in this 84th Congress.

Doubtless a poll at this writing would find Methodist women fairly unanimous in their concern over the Formosa issue as a seedbed for catapulting us into total war. With one accord our voices are being raised in support of Mr. Eisenhower's urgent plea for "the courage to be patient" in resolving this conflict. The United Nations offers the best channel for achieving a cease fire and working out a peaceful settlement.

Before Congress adjourns for a recess, possibly in late summer, many matters of great concern to Christian citizens will have been discussed and possible action taken at some points. The following issues are among the most crucial now pending:

A. Juvenile Delinquency

S.728, introduced by Senator Kefauver, provides "for assistance to and cooperation with states in strengthening and improving state and local programs for the control of juvenile delinquency." This bill is the result of two years of Senate investigation into the extent and causes of delinquency. It would give the federal government responsibility for work in the prevention of delinquency in three ways: (1) It would establish a federal Bureau of Juvenile Delinquency as a part of the *Office for Children and Youth.* The Children's Bureau would also be a part of this office. (2) It would provide for grants to states for use in their own state programs for prevention of delinquency. (3) It would provide training fellowships to train new workers for work with youth.

Why not write your Senator and Representative about this important bill, expressing your opinion on its importance?

B. Federal Aid to Education

Several bills on Federal Aid are pending in Congress at this writing. The administration's bill has met with widespread opposition from educators and private organizations as inadequate and cumbersome. Other bills such as those introduced by Senator Lister Hill more nearly meet the standards supported by the Woman's Division through the years, namely, (1) state-administered federal funds, (2) used for public tax-supported schools, and (3) allocated on the basis of need. A fourth important principle not yet implicit in pending bills relates to *allocation on a basis of nondiscrimination without regard to race.* This is especially pertinent in the face of plans to implement the Supreme Court ruling.

There is now a deficit of nearly 400,000 classrooms in this nation, not to mention the scarcity of teachers, as well as inadequate salaries.

C. Revision of the Immigration Act

Senator Lehman of New York introduced the bill (S.1206) known as the "Immigration and Citizenship Act of 1955," which in its initial form safeguards the principles which the Woman's Division has consistently supported. For example, it provides for immigration eligibility without regard to national origin, race, color, or creed; reuniting families, and other essential safeguards, and revision of present immigration laws.

D. Appropriations

Adequate support of United Nations—making available our government's full quota—in all phases of our responsibility is essential. The increased support of international programs not geared to a military machine can provide new hope for peace in the world.

Have you checked carefully the following pages? And—

1. *Are you planning a Citizenship Brunch* for September or October?

2. Has your local church considered sponsoring a refugee family?

3. *Do you remember that the U.N. is ten years old in June?*

See The Methodist Woman for March, April, and May, 1955.

Sincerely yours,
Thelma Stevens
Margaret R. Bender
Ethel L. Watkins

P.S. Out of 531 Senators and Representatives in Washington for the 84th Congress, *100 are members of The Methodist Church.*

Citizenship Brunches

A TOOL FOR DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

TODAY'S world offers two alternatives to the Christian with concern for his country and the world of which it is a part. He can sit quietly by and read the headlines with mounting horror or he can seek to understand the issues involved and to put the weight of his political effectiveness behind the things in which he believes. Are some of the women in your Society putting themselves in the first class merely because they need encouragement and help in joining the second? In that case, Citizenship Brunches may be the very thing that you need. The plan for these brunches was adopted at the annual meeting of the Woman's Division as a step toward helping Methodist women understand their "Christian responsibility in facing the grave issues of our times." It is hoped that during the fall of 1955 every Society will hold at least one such brunch in which the emphasis will be placed on understanding how our laws are made and how the policies of our government are formed. Those who participate in these brunches will then be ready for a follow-up in the 1956 election year when the program of the brunches can be devoted to a study of important issues confronting our country at the time.

How to Plan a Brunch

The first step will be to know what you want to do and how you think it can be done most effectively. Perhaps the most appropriate way to get your planning done would be to have a small preliminary brunch meeting of your Christian Social Relations Committee. (If you do not have a committee, this will be a good time to form one. See *Handbook,* pages 7-8). Have the following materials on hand to use as you plan for the event. The department *Handbook, Activities* for 1955-56, *Your Opinion Counts* (Department of State Publication 5606, 10 cents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.), *Register Christian Opinion* (Board of World Peace, 740 Rush St., Chicago, 10 cents each, $3.50 per 100), *How a Bill Becomes a Law* (National Education Association, 1201 16th St., N.W., Washington 6, D. C.), also *Stop, Look, Listen* (The Church Peace Union, 170 E. 64th St., New York, sample copy free, $2.50 a hundred).

As your committee plans the program, you might keep in mind effective ways to show how a citizen makes his concern felt, and begin the program with an informal skit or "role playing."

For example, two women discuss —over a midmorning cup of coffee —the headlines in the morning newspaper, and conclude with the determination to see whether they can't find some way of letting their representatives in Washington know how they feel about some particular issue which is now before Congress. On this clue, the person who has been selected to make the explanation can take the center of the stage.

It will be desirable to have prepared a large reproduction of the 8 x 11 diagram, *How a Bill Becomes a Law,* which is listed above. This can be arranged on an easel or lowered on a movie screen. In some cases it will be possible to have the drawing mounted on beaver board with ten-cent store magnets nailed on the back at important stages, marking the progress of the bill. If it is possible to use this very effective method, the speaker can use some little metal or metal-backed symbol to represent the law which he is going to use to illustrate the process.

For example, if the headline item that the women had been discussing was the desperate need for better schools, the speaker might use a little toy schoolhouse. He might begin by holding it up so that the audience could see it and saying: "Now it just happens that there is a bill in Congress that many people feel would do just what you are talking about." One of the two women might ask: "Where should we write about it?" The speaker could then say: "Let's look to see just where it is now. In September it was introduced—" As each successive stage through which the bill passes is being discussed, the model could be held at the spot by the magnets on the back of the chart. This would help the audience to focus their attention on the successive stages.

After the explanation is completed, a discussion should be held so that all members of the group become familiar with the process and the importance of the individual's responsibility for it. Members of the committee should be prepared to ask questions that will bring out the major points if necessary. It would be desirable to have copies of *How a Bill Becomes a Law* and *Register Christian Opinion* for each member of the group.

A great element in the success of the brunch will be publicity. Page

ANNUAL MEETING ACTION ON REFUGEES

It is recommended that the local secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities encourage the pastor and the Official Board to delegate the responsibility for the Refugee Resettlement program to a special committee of the church—and that this committee seek to secure at least one sponsor for a refugee family within their own church. (Information may be obtained from Miss Elizabeth Lee, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.)

32 of this issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN has been made into a poster which you may secure for use on bulletin boards or to provide a basis for window display. (Watch back cover of THE METHODIST WOMAN for release date and price.) Someone in your group might be willing to reproduce one of the small drawings from it on invitations which could be sent to all of the members.

In many places it may seem desirable to set the brunch for a holiday when men as well as women can attend. In other communities it may be possible to plan for attendance from other churches. In any case, it is important that enough publicity be given, so that the importance of the citizen learning how to exercise his responsibility will make an impact on community thinking.

ANY CHURCH CAN DO IT!

By JAMES M. AULT, *Pastor, Leonia Methodist Church, New Jersey*

ANY church can sponsor a refugee family! It does not matter whether it be large or small, rural, suburban, or urban. It can be done even if there is only one interested person at the outset. And if that person happens to be you, let me suggest ways in which your concern may become a reality.

It is well initially to begin a "whispering campaign" among your circle of friends which finally spreads through the various organizations of the church. This is propaganda of the highest order, for it has its origin in human need. It becomes an organized effort to spread information about the refugees waiting hopefully in Europe for sponsors in this country. Without any qualification whatsoever, the claim is made that such sponsorship is an outward indication that the Christian message is taken seriously.

Once this program of dissemination begins to show results, have your pastor call a meeting of interested persons under the leadership of the Commission on Missions to discuss the whole refugee resettlement program. In anticipation of this discussion, write to Miss Elizabeth M. Lee, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York, requesting all the information that is available, which defines very clearly the local church's responsibility and the steps necessary between the decision to sponsor and the arrival of the family in your home town. During that meeting you will discover that there are others who feel as you do, that questions raised will be answered by the information received from the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief, and that the doubts and fears about such an undertaking will be allayed. From this group should come a recommendation to the official board that (1) the church sponsor a refugee family, that (2) a Refugee Resettlement Committee be appointed including men, women, and youth, and that (3) this committee be charged with the responsibility of making arrangements through the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief to sponsor a family in the name of the church and to fulfill all the necessary requirements of the program.

There will be questions raised, and you should be prepared to answer them. Most questions will center on the church's "involvement." There are three main commitments. Sponsorship includes the provision of a job, the assurance of a home, and the guarantee that the refugee will not become a public charge. All of these or any one might seem forbidding, but in working out the details each will fall naturally into its proper place, and your enthusiasm will be sparked anew by the assistance of others to fulfill these obligations.

The Refugee Resettlement Committee should be organized immediately with a chairman and a secretary. Its first task is to find a job opening which will be available when the family arrives. Offers will come from sources you least expect. Once employment is assured, the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief should be advised of the education, skills, or training required to meet the job conditions. From their files they will choose a family who qualifies for the assignment. Assurance forms for the family will then be completed by the local committee, and within six to eight months they will arrive at the port of entry.

During this period of waiting the committee has sufficient time to arrange for housing and some furnishings, with other necessities to give the family a start. The income from the job, undergirded by a revitalized family experiencing the fulfillment of a hope that seemed so distant, carries them forward until they become a unit of strength within the community. A member of a local committee said recently, "I entered this program with some misgiving but I am thrilled by the results. It has given new life to one family but it has produced a new spirit throughout the entire church."

In his book, *In Quest of a Kingdom,* Leslie D. Weatherhead tells about a boy who was carrying a basket of eggs in the street. He tripped on the curbstone, dropped the basket, and smashed the eggs. People gathered round, as people do. One said, "What a pity!" Another said, "Poor little chap! I hope he doesn't get the sack." Another said, "I am sorry he is crying. Let's comfort him." Then one man stepped out of the crowd, put his hand in his pocket and said, "I care half-a-crown." Turning to the man next to him, he said, "How much do you care?" He said, "I care a shilling." In a little time they translated feeling into action.

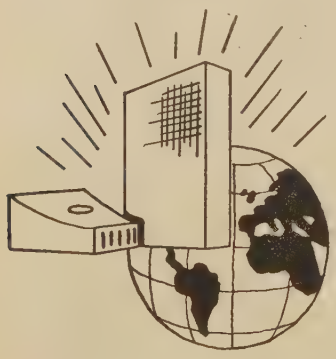
If at this moment you think something should be done—translate your feeling into action, and although you may be alone in the beginning, others will catch your vision and join you.

RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP

THEY TOOK THE FIRST STEP THEY GOT YOU THE VOTE—

THE REST IS UP TO YOU

IF YOU CARE:



Whether . . .
the UN succeeds
families are protected
Human Rights are realized
lasting peace is made

You Need to Know *How*
and *Where* to . . . **REGISTER**

CHRISTIAN OPINION!

Talk it Over
at
Citizenship Brunches

SUMMER 1955

World Friendship Bulletin

RUBY VAN HOOSER
Secretary of Children's Work

Philip Gendreau, N. Y.

TO CHILDREN SUMMER BRINGS A NEW WORLD OF MEANING AND BEAUTY

FOR CHILDREN'S WORK

CHILDREN WILL MAKE NEW DISCOVERIES OF THEIR CHURCH AT WORK

In the ongoing program of the church school, many Methodist children who have been studying the current missionary emphases on "India, Pakistan, and Ceylon" and "The City" have had exciting opportunities for the making of new friends, and the discovery of some of the ways in which their church is trying to meet great human needs. Some groups of boys and girls will continue the study of these missionary emphases in the vacation church school.

To thoughtful teachers the summer program of the church may provide additional occasions for enriching the experiences that the children have had in connection with these units of work and other units as well. New information may be acquired, gifts may be shared, and children may come to know that they are having a part in making possible some of the adventures in loving service carried on by the church.

A BUSY SCHOOL IN INDIA

One of the important ways in which The Methodist Church is contributing to the welfare of the children and young people of India is through the schools for them that it is helping to provide. The Sawtelle Memorial Middle School in the Lucknow Conference is one of these institutions, and today it is busy meeting the needs of boys and girls from village Christian homes who throng into its doors.

With three hundred children in the school, a varied and well-rounded program adapted to meet the needs of village life is essential. The pupils comprise a very active group of five to fifteen-year-olds and they are always eager to be doing things in work and play.

Daily Schedule

During the warm weather, from April to September, school is started each morning at 6:30 o'clock. This means that everyone gets up early in order to do the cleaning, have morning devotions and a light breakfast before school begins. Regular classes and activities fill the morning hours until noon, when pupils and teachers are ready for the midday meal of rice and pulse. Bathing and a rest period follow before the afternoon cleaning is undertaken, together with the cooking and other duties that are waiting to be done. There is time for some supervised study for the older students and a play hour for the younger ones.

Saturday and Sunday

The hours on Saturday are always very full with the cleaning of the compound, the courtyard and the house, in addition to the usual activities needing attention if the members of a school family as large as this are to live easily and without friction.

On Sunday morning church services are held regularly at eight o'clock. Afterwards, brothers often come to visit with their sisters. It is good to see the little family groups having nice times together, spread out on the large lawn before the school.

The Close of the Day

Each day after their varied activities, the children have evening prayers and then the evening meal of unleavened wheat bread and vegetables or meat curry. There is time for another hour of free play, with each young person doing just what he or she wishes, before the last bell of the day summons everyone to bed.

The school group is a happy one and it is a joy to see the development of some of the latent possibilities that each boy and girl richly possesses.[1]

AT WORK IN A BETHLEHEM CENTER

If boys and girls who have been studying the current missionary units could visit the Bethlehem Center in Memphis, Tennessee, where Miss Mary Lou Bond and Miss Louise Weeks are at work, the emphasis on "The City" would very quickly become live and vital.

Located in the heart of a large Negro area, and carrying forward an expanded program for all age groups, the Christian influence of the Bethlehem Center reaches out to touch the lives of many persons. The deaconesses and their co-workers on the staff try to make the center a friendly, lovely place where people regardless of differences can come together to do interesting and creative things with their neighbors and friends.

Activities for Children

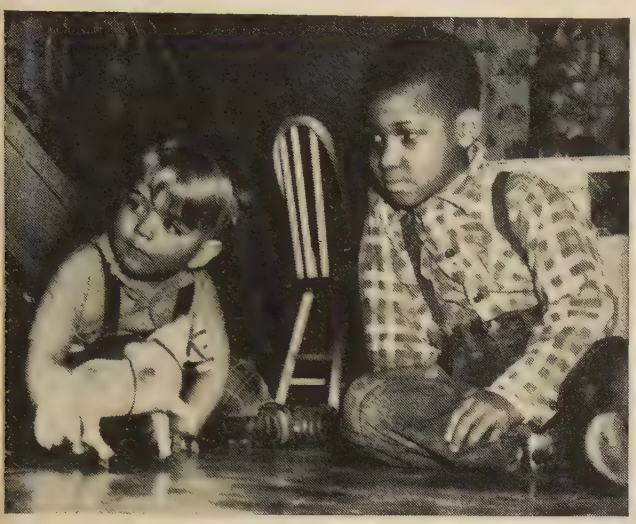
Of the program for children the workers write:

"We have a very large kindergarten for preschool children since this is the only available one. The boys and girls who attend are about five years old. We want to help prepare them to enter the public school. They need guidance in learning to play together, to share toys, and take turns in using equipment. We also work with the parents to help them understand the needs of their children.

"For boys and girls from six to twelve years of age the program possibilities are many and varied. Besides the vigorous good times on the playground, the activities include painting, modeling, puppetry, sewing, cooking, and woodwork. There also are groups enrolled in the doll club, in art classes, and in the Girl Scouts. There are fascinating opportunities, too, to listen to records, to attend the story hours, and to see good movies."

[1] Adapted from information furnished by Miss Maren Tirsgaard, missionary in charge.

MAKING PLANS IN THE LOCAL CHURCH



Now and then children in a city center like to play quietly together.

THE WORLD ONE NEIGHBORHOOD [1]

We thank thee, Lord, for eyes to see
The beauty of the earth;
For ears to hear the words of love
And happy sounds of mirth;
For minds that find new thoughts to think,
New wonders to explore;
For health and freedom to enjoy
The good thou hast in store.

Help us to remember that to some
The eye and ear and mind
Bring sights and sounds of ugliness,
And only sadness find.
Help us remember that to them
The world has seemed unfair;
That we should strive to bring to them
The beauty all may share.

O may our eyes be open, Lord,
To see our neighbors' need;
And may our ears be kept alert
Their cries for help to heed;
Make keen our minds to plan the best
For one another's good,
That all the world may be at last
One friendly neighborhood.

—Jeanette E. Perkins

[1] From *The Pilgrim Elementary Teacher*. Used by permission of The Congregational Publishing Society.

CHILDREN'S SECRETARIES AND THE SUMMER PROGRAM

The month of June will find many new secretaries of Children's Work in the Woman's Society of Christian Service entering upon the duties of their office. During the summer quarter, secretaries will wish to take advantage of the opportunities for service to boys and girls and for better training in leadership that the vacation months will bring. Each will want to:

1. Continue to take an active part as a regular teacher in the work of the children's division of the church school, and its plans for through-the-week activities.

2. Discover anew the possibilities of friendship with children.

3. Reach more children with Christian teaching.

4. Attend a conference school for children's workers.

Sharing With World Friends During Vacation Time

As the children take part during the summer months in vacation school, in the regular sessions of the Sunday church school, and in other kinds of informal activities planned by the church, they will find many opportunities to show their concern and friendliness for others, both in this country and in countries abroad.

For Work With Children in City Centers

Send gifts of $3.00, $5.00 or more through the treasurer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for supplies for these and other workers with boys and girls: Misses Mary Lou Bond and Louise Weeks, Bethlehem Center, Memphis, Tennessee; Miss Fae L. Daves, St. Mark's Community Center, New Orleans, Louisiana; Miss Dorothy E. Little, Houchen Settlement and Day Nursery, El Paso, Texas; Miss Arlene Merritt, Wesley Community House, Key West, Florida.

For Children's Needs in India and Pakistan

Send gifts of $5.00 or more through the treasurer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service to make possible new supplies for work with children for these missionaries: Miss Maren Tirsgaard, Sawtelle Memorial Middle School, Arrah, Bihar, India; Miss Eva K. Logue, Village Medical Center, Yellari, India; Miss Helen Fehr, Village Training Center, Jagdalpur, India; Miss Anna Buyers, R.N., Multan, Pakistan.

For the Needs of Children Throughout the World

Boys and girls may help to send abroad and distribute the large amounts of surplus foods that the government of the United States is making available for people in need.

Send gifts of $5.00 or more for this purpose directly to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York.

STORIES OF JESUS FOR CHILDREN

Many thousands of children in countries around the world have never heard the stories of Jesus. Others

who have heard the story have never seen pictures of Jesus, such as those the boys and girls in this country enjoy today.

Where this has not been done, leaders may wish to share with Methodist children the information that now a gift of one dollar will send to boys and girls in countries abroad ten booklets, each with stories and eight pictures in color about the life of Jesus. There are four different language editions—English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French—and one blank edition for local printing.

If the name of a country is designated, the story booklets will be shipped to that nation and given to children there by missionaries or other Christian leaders. The booklets have been prepared by the World Council on Christian Education. Additional information may be secured from the Department of Christian Education of Children, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee.

THE KINDERGARTEN AT WOLFF SETTLEMENT

By HELENE HILL

Boys and girls from far and near come to the kindergarten in Tampa, for many generations have sent their children to Wolff Settlement, and parents know the quality and care of the teaching and activities. Many families have moved to other parts of the city or to homes on the outskirts, but the children are brought in each day.

The room is such a cheery place. The wallpaper has Mother Goose rhymes on it in bright and happy colors, while yellow chairs and light green walls give harmonious effect, and the canary's gay song adds to the spirit of joy and eager fun. The housekeeping corner is always a busy place, with its stove and sink and small table, and not far off is the baby's bed, the hangers for her small clothes, and the drawers to hold other things. The telephone is there, too, so that worried mothers may call the doctor.

Along the wall is the record player that the children use over and over, playing their favorites and listening wide-eyed. In another corner a teacher reads a story to a group gathered near, while through the middle of the room runs a train, on its way to the big station made of blocks. Clatter and bang and chatter and "Hush! the baby's asleep!" make a happy song for little children, growing and sharing and learning and caring.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Cooperate in vacation church school.

Attend Officers' Training Day of the Woman's Society.

Present Children's Work to Woman's Society.

Attend Conference School for Children's Workers.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The twenty-third International Sunday School Convention will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, July 27-31, 1955. Three thousand Methodists are expected to join with the Christians of other denominations in an inspirational meeting of ten thousand church school workers. For details, write to the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

MISSIONARY UNITS FOR VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Among the units of study that are offered for use in vacation church schools, there are several possibilities for primary and junior children that relate to the missionary emphases on "India, Pakistan, and Ceylon" and "The City."

In churches desiring a missionary unit, leaders should select one on the emphasis that was not studied in additional sessions for 1954-55. The following are recommended:

For Primaries:

*Fig Tree Village,** by Grace W. McGavran. Story of a boy and his sister who live in a small village of India. $1.25.

A Primary Teacher's Guide on "India, Pakistan, and Ceylon," * by Lois Eddy McDonnell. Suggested procedures for a ten-session unit based upon *Fig Tree Village.* 50 cents.

*Children of India,** by Janet Smalley. A book of eight large pictures in color showing children of India at home, at worship, at play. $1.25.

*The Boy With the Busy Walk,** by Anne M. Halladay. The story of Tippy who finds a new friend. The new friend takes him to the mission center where they find many interesting things to do. $1.25.

*A Primary Teacher's Guide on "The City,"** by Mattie Lula Cooper. Suggested procedures for a ten-session unit based on *The Boy With the Busy Walk.* 50 cents.

For Juniors:

*Chand of India,** by Irene Mason Harper. This story of a Christian boy portrays life in a village. $1.25.

A Junior Teacher's Guide on "India, Pakistan, and Ceylon," * by Florence B. Lee. Suggested procedures for a ten-session unit based on *Chand of India.* 50 cents.

*Sidewalk Kids,** by Gertrude Rinden. Ten stories of children in the city which show how city missions help boys and girls. $1.25.

A Junior Teacher's Guide on "The City," * by Margaret S. Ward. Suggested procedures for a ten-session unit based on *Sidewalk Kids.* 50 cents.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, says

METHODIST WOMEN ARE INTERESTED

Methodist women are interested in college training for promising young people. Thousands of students have received loans from the Methodist Student Loan Fund. In recent years scholarships have been granted to worthy students who qualify. Because of increased giving by churches on Methodist Student Day, fifty new scholarships were available this past year. Since our church sponsors this fund, we, as church women, should encourage every local church to cooperate with the pastor and the secretary of Student Work to follow the Discipline of The Methodist Church which recommends that Methodist Student Day be observed annually in every local church, preferably the second Sunday in June.

When It Comes to Reporting

1. *Should I answer, even if we have no students?*
   Yes, you may be responsible for getting qualified young people to attend college!
2. *Should I include activities for service men and women?*
   Yes, it is important for the church to keep in touch with *all* young people who leave the local church. The secretary of Student Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service has a unique responsibility to do this. No one else in the church has this particular responsibility.
3. *How often do I report Student Information Cards?*
   Student Information Cards should be sent in the early summer *before* the student leaves for college. Then the director may write a personal note of welcome to the student at home before he leaves for college. This is *most* important!
   If you know the student has joined the Wesley Foundation or taken an active part in the student activities on the campus, you do not need to send another card. Report only new students who enter college.
4. *How should I keep in touch with students?*
   By sending devotional material —*motive, Power, Concern, The Upper Room*—you let them know you are interested in their spiritual development.
   By letters, including the church bulletin. Ask them to tell you some of the problems they face.
5. *Should I observe special Student Days in our church?*
   You may help qualified students obtain loans and scholarships through the Methodist Student Loan and Scholarship Fund of the Board of Education by getting your church to observe Methodist Student Day in June. On Recognition Day in December, students should be recognized by the church.
6. *Would students be privileged to speak in our Woman's Society?*
   You could arrange for a deputation team from a nearby college. It would help the students and might inspire your women. By sharing their experiences, students from other countries now studying here might become missionaries to you.
7. *Should I help students attend church conferences and summer service projects?*
   You might be investing in future missionaries. All missionaries and deaconesses must graduate from college, so we need to challenge students to serve in the church.
8. *Shall I enjoy being secretary of Student Work?*
   The greatest joy comes in serving others and seeing students blossom into mature Christians, ready to serve God wherever He calls them. The secretary of Student Work knows this joy as she works with students.
9. *Is it important for me to report from my local church?*
   Yes, you may inspire someone else. Many sticks build a fire, where one alone will not burn.

METHODIST STUDENT REGIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCES

Lake Junaluska, N. C.	June 7-14
Camp Casowasco, N. Y.	June 8-15
Epworth Forest, Ind.	June 11-18
Mt. Sequoyah, Ark.	Aug. 27-Sept. 3
Lake Poinsett, S. D.	Aug. 27-Sept. 3
Lake Tahoe, Calif.	Aug. 27-Sept. 3

Toward Christian World Community

By MAY L. TITUS, *Staff Member, Youth Department, Interboard Committee on Missionary Education*

THE action project in the Youth Emphasis during the fall of 1955 (October 23-December 11) deals with missions, world peace, and overseas relief. The project is titled "Toward Christian World Community."

Such a title for the action project implies that we are *working toward* a goal of world community. We have not yet arrived. To make the world community Christian is our concern. To make the Christian community world-wide is our goal.

The action project begins on World Order Sunday, October 23. The minister and the MYF council will decide together how to introduce the action project of the MYF to the entire church family. There may be opportunity at the morning service of worship for a member of the MYF to tell the congregation about the Youth Emphasis and specifically about the action project. Posters describing some of the projects to be carried out this fall may be made for the vestibule or halls.

The secretary of Youth Work will have a prominent place in helping to make plans for the fall months. For instance, she will make resource material available to teachers of seniors in the MYF when they study "The World Mission of Our Church," on Sunday mornings during October. This unit is related to the missionary theme that all of the major Protestant denominations are using this year, "The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World." The other missionary theme, "Indian Americans," will be discussed on two Sunday evenings in November.

Seniors and older youth will discuss other phases of the action project in planning for Thanksgiving weekend. A MYF group may invite one or more students from other countries attending nearby colleges to be guests of the group at Thanksgiving time. Specific plans should be made for helping the guest from overseas feel at home and a part of a family. A secretary of Youth Work may help the MYF council plan carefully so as to make this an enjoyable, meaningful holiday. Specific guidance for entertaining overseas students will be given in youth periodicals this fall.

Adult workers with youth may have a chance to encourage the MYF council to find out about the Refugee Resettlement Program. A MYF may become concerned enough to see that the church hears the story and agrees to sponsor a refugee family or individual.

One young person said that she was going to urge her MYF to send the spring issue of *The Methodist Youth Fund Bulletin* to persons in her church who were in the armed services. This issue lists and describes briefly the projects that receive support through the MYFund. She was planning that a letter accompany the *Bulletin* suggesting that they visit the projects located near their point of duty. A secretary of Youth Work in consultation with the MYF council may work out detailed plans and make financial arrangements, so that this idea may be carried out in your church.

The September issue of *Roundtable* is the special issue on the fall action project. It will give detailed suggestions for youth and adult workers.

Choosing a vocation is one of the main interests of youth. The secretary of Youth Work has an important role to fill in helping youth understand that a vocation becomes Christian as they bring to their work Christian attitudes, purposes and principles.

The secretary of Youth Work can work with the chairmen of Christian Outreach and Christian Citizenship to help MYF members see the witness of Christians living in all vocations, particularly those related to the theme of the action project this fall. See *Handbook of the Methodist Youth Fellowship* * (pages 187ff) for specific suggestions of things to do.

Another opportunity the secretary of Youth Work has is to help youth find ways to attend a vocations conference some time during the year. At that time they will become acquainted with opportunities for missionary service at home and abroad, and find out about vocations related to peace.

The action project will be climaxed on Sunday, December 11, the day after Human Rights Day. Adult workers may help youth plan for a significant service of worship to give opportunity for commitment to work "Toward Christian World Community." (See the November issue of *Roundtable.*)

The MYF in your church is the place where you may help youth experiment in living as responsible members of the Christian community. You and other adult workers may offer them the fellowship and support of the Christian community. Thus they may take their places in the local community, in our nation, and in our world in working "Toward Christian World Community."

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LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS

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MWWO Channel CO

WE ARE happy to announce the results of THE METHODIST WOMAN-WORLD OUTLOOK—Channel Combination October which took place in October, 1954.

The announcement made last year indicated that a jurisdiction, conference, and district banner would be given to each level of work across the country. In 1953-54 Southeastern Jurisdiction won the jurisdiction banner for the largest number of new combination subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK. Southeastern Jurisdiction retains this banner in 1954-55. North Central Jurisdiction runs a close second.

The Florida Conference retains the banner for the largest number of new combination subscriptions for the second year. Congratulations to Miss Nancy Cawood, secretary of Literature and Publications of Southeastern Jurisdiction, and to Mrs. Howard V. Weems, secretary of Literature and Publications of Florida Conference. Southern California-Arizona Conference of Western Jurisdiction is a very close second in the conference race.

San Bernardino District of Southern California-Arizona Conference, Western Jurisdiction, with Mrs. N. J. Giddings, of Riverside, California, secretary of Literature and Publications, acquires the district banner this year, taking this honor from Sarasota District of Florida Conference that was the winner in 1953-54.

The local churches having the most combination subscriptions are as follows:

Society under 25 members:

Armith Memorial, St. Paul Church, Lemons, North Carolina, North Carolina Conference, Central Jurisdiction; Mrs. Nettie Cathew, Newton, North Carolina, secretary of Literature and Publications.

Society under 50 but over 25 members:

New Market Church, New Market, Indiana, Northwest Indiana Conference, North Central Jurisdiction; Mrs. John Reddish, secretary of Literature and Publications.

Society under 100 but over 50 members:

First Methodist Church, Taft, Texas, Southwest Texas Conference, South Central Jurisdiction; Mrs. L. R. Standlee, secretary of Literature and Publications.

Society over 100 members:

First Methodist Church of Wichita, Kansas, Central Kansas Conference, South Central Jurisdiction; Mrs. E. D. True, secretary of Literature and Publications.

Heartiest appreciation goes to each secretary on every level who worked so faithfully and conscientiously in the October effort.

Will you win the banner next year? Will your Society receive the award of a combination subscription to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK in one of the four categories another year? Think about it and plan for it.

Summer schools will begin soon. We are very anxious that all of the secretaries of Literature and Publications send their orders at least four weeks in advance of the schools, that we may meet their needs in every possible way.

As we approach the time when the campuses of various colleges will be alive with earnest women ready and anxious to learn methods, plans, and teaching techniques, we are pleased to present the picture of the Bookshop at the School of Missions of the Virginia Conference for 1954. Four hundred thirty women were enrolled at the school. Four hundred seven received Board of Education credit for their work.

Lynchburg Daily Advance, Tom Glass

FINANCIAL CONFERENCE REPORT FO

WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE—BOA

Henrietta Gibs

Jurisdiction	CONFERENCE INCOME ON APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENTS						
	Adult	W.S.G.	Paid on Pledge 1954-55	Total Pledged 1954-55	Youth	Children	Total o Appropria 1954-5
Central:							
Central Alabama	$ 332.41	$ 32.50	$ 364.91	$ 1,200.00	.....	$ 2.00	$ 36
Central West	1,013.00	142.67	1,155.67	1,440.00	$ 19.00	16.16	1,19
Delaware	6,119.48	487.50	6,606.98	9,200.00	420.00	44.00	7,07
East Tennessee	456.56	52.00	508.56	1,000.00	.....	.....	50
Florida	750.00	28.50	778.50	1,000.00	38.50	8.50	82
Georgia	935.96	130.00	1,065.96	3,000.00	.....	.....	1,06
Lexington	7,525.00	631.70	8,156.70	7,500.00	316.04	29.25	8,50
Louisiana	1,433.06	113.00	1,546.06	3,600.00	5.80	2.50	1,55
Mississippi	764.75	32.50	797.25	3,000.00	16.26	9.10	82
North Carolina	1,500.00	23.00	1,523.00	2,000.00	5.00	8.00	1,53
South Carolina	3,025.00	5.00	3,030.00	4,000.00	35.26	17.00	3,08
Southwest	536.22	.....	536.22	1,440.00	22.50	22.00	58
Tennessee	1,039.35	140.00	1,179.35	2,500.00	13.00	68.00	1,26
Texas	2,161.80	207.70	2,369.50	3,300.00	260.27	20.00	2,64
Upper Mississippi	410.50	.....	410.50	1,000.00	31.50	6.50	44
Washington	3,071.60	903.85	3,975.45	7,600.00	365.74	70.81	4,41
West Texas	1,153.25	95.00	1,248.25	1,700.00	5.00	20.00	1,27
Total	32,227.94	3,024.92	35,252.86	54,480.00	1,553.87	343.82	37,15
North Central:							
Detroit	90,992.32	2,873.42	93,865.74	139,320.00	3,721.83	230.66	97,81
Illinois	126,706.43	6,491.90	133,198.33	173,000.00	4,787.35	739.03	138,72
Indiana	68,790.96	5,673.63	74,464.59	118,500.00	3,021.00	1,137.27	78,62
Iowa-Des Moines	78,634.13	4,187.41	82,821.54	115,650.00	5,445.29	449.20	88,71
Michigan	63,168.74	2,841.31	66,010.05	100,000.00	2,892.22	466.00	69,36
Minnesota	52,557.49	2,079.05	54,636.54	90,000.00	912.50	236.52	55,78
North Dakota	14,699.26	250.68	14,949.94	30,000.00	449.50	98.73	15,49
North Indiana	77,085.81	4,026.87	81,112.68	148,120.00	5,865.00	1,116.86	88,09
North Iowa	88,731.02	2,943.71	91,674.73	155,000.00	4,959.24	770.44	97,40
North-East Ohio	138,932.12	6,701.85	145,633.97	236,800.00	5,479.70	1,459.45	152,57
Northwest Indiana	40,858.14	1,445.23	42,303.37	75,500.00	2,293.82	512.97	45,11
Ohio	188,551.44	8,470.77	197,022.21	310,000.00	11,272.81	1,693.91	209,98
Rock River	130,344.18	6,736.23	137,080.41	200,026.00	3,015.00	655.03	140,75
South Dakota	18,807.83	613.00	19,420.83	34,000.00	1,297.43	29.40	20,74
Southern Illinois	37,852.82	4,954.30	42,807.12	63,530.00	1,540.78	456.93	44,80
West Wisconsin	22,458.47	387.03	22,845.50	38,000.00	913.80	79.61	23,83
Wisconsin	34,805.97	1,638.31	36,444.28	56,000.00	1,266.81	66.10	37,77
Total	1,273,977.13	62,314.70	1,336,291.83	2,083,446.00	59,134.08	10,198.11	1,405,62
Northeastern:							
Baltimore	82,036.65	2,298.28	84,334.93	122,000.00	2,876.49	231.95	87,44
Central New York	37,135.83	1,042.53	38,178.36	54,000.00	773.50	252.66	39,20
Central Pennsylvania	36,209.80	592.50	36,802.30	54,000.00	1,162.24	244.77	38,20
Erie	49,676.65	627.60	50,304.25	83,000.00	1,600.48	531.25	52,43
Genesee	38,938.52	1,021.10	39,959.62	70,000.00	1,115.02	67.54	41,14
Maine	7,269.74	4.50	7,274.24	9,500.00	134.65	7.16	7,41
New England	23,153.34	155.00	23,308.34	38,000.00	801.51	210.52	24,32
New England Southern	14,867.01	.....	14,867.01	24,500.00	278.62	8.80	15,15
New Hampshire	4,635.64	358.00	4,993.64	8,000.00	38.99	15.00	5,04
New Jersey	36,471.37	855.16	37,326.53	55,000.00	2,160.98	400.08	39,88
New York	25,933.16	2,621.32	28,554.48	42,500.00	708.07	62.02	29,32
New York East	44,284.26	2,341.40	46,625.66	57,200.00	525.16	197.60	47,34
Newark	50,500.33	1,768.76	52,269.09	70,000.00	538.12	121.28	52,92
Northern New York	19,591.11	703.05	20,294.16	31,000.00	169.37	79.10	20,54
Peninsula	33,232.65	108.15	33,340.80	45,000.00	591.50	190.18	34,12
Philadelphia	60,034.82	3,417.38	63,452.20	90,000.00	1,058.88	410.77	64,92
Pittsburgh	82,426.69	1,814.66	84,241.35	98,000.00	2,752.64	793.37	87,78
Puerto Rico Provisional	.....	133.45	133.45	40.00	.....	.....	13
Troy	38,358.02	1,338.40	39,696.42	57,000.00	795.58	104.08	40,59
West Virginia	86,691.50	6,966.87	93,658.37	123,000.00	3,887.46	741.56	98,28
Wyoming	45,448.60	656.93	46,105.53	52,000.00	739.50	260.38	47,10
Total	816,895.69	28,825.04	845,720.73	1,183,740.00	22,708.76	4,930.07	873,35
South Central:							
Central Kansas	92,135.79	7,394.31	99,530.10	164,670.00	5,057.21	795.47	105,38
Central Texas	52,194.06	9,635.88	61,829.94	85,200.00	2,930.49	192.70	64,95
East Oklahoma	41,652.62	5,935.77	47,588.39	74,107.50	1,397.90	178.35	49,16
Indian Mission	679.32	.....	679.32	1,031.00	13.18	16.25	70
Kansas	48,833.65	4,274.72	53,108.37	100,000.00	1,985.50	482.46	55,57
Little Rock	47,669.52	5,926.60	53,596.12	73,000.00	2,027.51	76.37	55,70

RST NINE MONTHS—1954-55

MISSIONS—THE METHODIST CHURCH

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DIVISION OF TOTAL RECEIPTS

Total on ppropriations 1953-54	Appropriations		Week of Prayer (Including W.S.G.)	Cash for Supply Work	Supplementary Gifts	Cultivation ¼ of 1c Per Member	Bequests	Total Receipts
	General	Conference Work						
404.53	$ 386.91		$ 26.00	$ 20.50		$ 3.00		$ 416.41
978.60	1,190.83		185.82	85.00		4.32		1,465.97
7,566.35	5,195.93	$ 1,875.00	178.20	515.00	$ 538.00	16.00		8,318.18
280.50	508.56		79.85	60.00	10.00			658.41
686.00	825.50		41.15	21.00		3.80		891.45
1,234.84	1,065.96		67.37	100.00		5.99		1,239.32
6,673.83	8,501.99		429.46	686.70	600.00	14.88		10,233.03
1,218.52	1,554.36		131.50	124.17		6.00		1,816.03
932.32	822.61		137.62	44.75		5.00		1,009.98
1,460.00	1,536.00		38.00	30.00		7.00		1,611.00
2,717.58	3,082.26		185.21	30.80				3,298.27
462.77	580.72		40.00	44.00				664.72
750.50	1,260.35		10.00	140.00		4.00		1,414.35
2,406.00	2,649.77		134.65	99.00	5.00	10.00		2,898.42
439.88	448.50		59.00	2.50	32.75			542.75
4,774.71	4,412.00		389.14	202.50		18.00		5,021.64
791.70	1,273.25		194.91	132.75	105.00	5.00		1,710.91
33,778.63	35,275.55	1,875.00	2,327.88	2,338.67	1,290.75	102.99		43,210.84
87,664.78	94,780.73	3,037.50	5,009.97	11,419.19	2,792.02	98.16		117,137.57
133,355.81	121,024.77	17,699.94	7,458.95	19,739.88	9,015.44	105.87		175,044.85
82,636.11	76,372.86	2,250.00	4,963.10	8,143.84	527.85	73.70		92,331.35
86,294.50	82,776.03	5,940.00	6,661.46	8,424.60	805.00	106.51		104,713.60
65,585.78	62,928.27	6,440.00	4,597.80	8,608.30	3,614.14	73.12		86,261.63
58,434.13	54,870.92	914.64	4,650.01	8,251.34	1,037.91	70.40	$ 191.40	69,986.62
15,069.43	15,498.17		1,180.85	3,130.02		22.03		19,831.07
86,998.83	88,094.54		5,375.56	7,477.32	520.00	70.22		101,537.64
93,921.47	94,045.13	3,359.28	6,938.73	10,244.53	1,428.31	98.80		116,114.78
151,336.25	145,639.84	6,933.28	9,147.49	15,680.36	351.50	129.87	1,504.10	179,386.44
43,901.53	45,110.16		2,831.51	4,801.12	300.24	51.22		53,094.25
201,182.88	209,988.93		13,752.83	23,278.81	909.03	167.89		248,097.49
133,566.05	133,738.00	7,012.44	5,014.30	9,393.95	1,232.14	86.43		156,477.26
19,416.79	20,747.66		1,811.83	3,824.98		25.00		26,409.47
40,392.56	42,554.83	2,250.00	3,985.67	7,775.72	327.08	37.49		56,930.79
25,982.21	23,838.91		1,881.19	2,923.61	371.82	30.92		29,046.45
38,358.91	37,777.19		2,815.24	3,907.14	90.00	16.04	500.00	45,105.61
1,364,098.02	1,349,786.94	55,837.08	88,076.49	157,024.71	23,322.48	1,263.67	2,195.50	1,677,506.87
86,455.83	77,018.40	10,424.97	6,736.90	6,315.48	2,128.70	85.10		102,709.55
40,325.72	39,204.52		2,108.70	2,929.85	50.00	45.00		44,338.07
37,601.41	31,342.67	6,866.64	2,666.26	2,949.03		53.00		43,877.60
50,106.10	47,186.01	5,249.97	4,869.47	6,841.76	604.30	47.26		64,798.77
39,620.54	38,662.18	2,480.00	2,702.63	4,535.49	2,483.50	46.82		50,910.62
8,518.94	7,416.05		594.55	424.33	470.00	19.03		8,923.96
23,864.80	15,095.37	9,225.00	1,102.00	3,315.90	2,989.13	37.56	250.00	32,014.96
14,968.17	11,654.43	3,500.00	1,113.10	854.70	100.00	18.75		17,250.98
5,166.66	5,047.63		349.99	159.30	110.00			5,666.92
35,390.22	35,575.15	4,312.44	2,828.39	3,219.56		45.36		45,980.90
28,482.32	29,324.57		1,350.68	2,576.25	527.50	27.50		33,806.50
41,733.99	43,935.92	3,412.50	2,515.21	2,630.91	125.00	41.13		52,660.67
49,897.54	50,228.49	2,700.00	2,413.56	3,534.81	270.00	44.91		59,191.77
19,777.95	20,542.63		2,032.68	1,408.20	107.90	27.18		24,118.59
36,918.00	27,342.51	6,779.97	2,582.79	2,893.41	442.95			40,041.63
63,519.75	51,346.88	13,574.97	4,931.40	7,015.70	900.00	60.17		77,829.12
87,746.90	77,362.36	10,425.00	6,233.82	6,866.95	1,670.00	64.64	143.95	102,771.72
50.15	133.45		72.04					205.49
38,830.05	40,596.08		2,325.42	2,646.46	65.00	48.50		45,681.46
96,702.73	89,062.39	9,225.00	10,795.35	12,604.65	5,005.00	95.00		126,787.39
49,106.16	41,105.41	6,000.00	2,473.06	3,917.27	6.00	43.42		53,545.16
854,783.93	779,183.10	94,176.46	62,803.00	77,650.01	18,054.98	850.33	393.95	1,033,111.83
94,179.90	104,914.06	468.72	7,491.71	10,403.19	273.14			123,550.82
66,323.44	64,953.13		7,037.52	7,985.24	160.50	36.00		80,172.39
45,560.47	49,164.64		4,197.46	6,962.73	62.00	32.29		60,419.12
758.72	708.75		109.45	194.38				1,012.58
53,545.58	53,909.69	1,666.64	3,568.93	6,665.65	868.46			66,679.37
54,895.00	55,700.00		3,821.35	3,619.66	521.52	31.54		63,694.07

FINANCIAL CONFERENCE REPORT FO

WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE—BOAR

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Jurisdiction	CONFERENCE INCOME ON APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENTS						
	Adult	W.S.G.	Paid on Pledge 1954-55	Total Pledged 1954-55	Youth	Children	Total on Appropriatio 1954-55
South Central (Continued):							
Louisiana	$ 55,641.13	$ 8,444.35	$ 64,085.48	$ 93,000.00	$ 2,769.83	$ 223.91	$ 67,079.
Missouri	25,315.12	1,803.81	27,118.93	38,000.00	1,126.94	378.38	28,624.
Nebraska	85,787.22	3,757.50	89,544.72	150,600.00	1,841.39	324.62	91,710.
New Mexico	17,408.68	2,799.80	20,208.48	26,500.00	632.23	291.54	21,132.
North Arkansas	33,849.16	8,179.31	42,028.47	57,200.00	790.95	80.58	42,900.
North Texas	55,104.31	7,475.95	62,580.26	92,830.50	2,126.50	140.23	64,846.
Northwest Texas	44,479.47	7,245.42	51,724.89	73,500.00	3,494.22	131.26	55,350.
Rio Grande	882.08	19.50	901.58	1,200.00	74.21	9.40	985.
St. Louis	47,832.77	6,604.62	54,437.39	71,500.00	619.68	362.36	55,419.
Southwest Missouri	50,751.31	6,118.09	56,869.40	85,000.00	1,685.36	449.08	59,003.
Southwest Texas	61,087.01	9,451.48	70,538.49	105,000.00	3,012.15	236.96	73,787.
Texas	93,229.40	12,545.28	105,774.68	137,500.00	3,083.02	633.01	109,490.
West Oklahoma	50,990.14	6,925.74	57,915.88	86,420.00	1,071.31	257.62	59,244.
Total	905,522.76	114,538.13	1,020,060.89	1,516,319.00	35,739.58	5,260.55	1,061,061.
Southeastern:							
Alabama	53,566.84	6,631.22	60,198.06	82,000.00	1,145.68	364.06	61,707.
Cuba Mission	115.50		115.50	60.00	42.81		158.
Florida	87,188.40	13,564.97	100,753.37	130,000.00	6,250.28	303.82	107,307.
Holston	59,347.06	14,073.92	73,420.98	94,000.00	4,069.25	426.70	77,916.
Kentucky	32,950.68	6,164.13	39,114.81	60,000.00	1,525.41	257.64	40,897.
Louisville	32,889.90	4,135.10	37,025.00	55,000.00	2,141.87	380.84	39,547.
Memphis	48,697.08	9,776.59	58,473.67	75,000.00	2,416.88	261.96	61,152.
Mississippi	29,132.06	7,916.22	37,048.28	68,500.00	1,093.43	113.72	38,255.
North Alabama	59,306.16	10,727.98	70,034.14	90,000.00	4,865.06	237.00	75,136.
North Carolina	77,953.81	8,912.24	86,866.05	117,000.00	3,717.96	699.96	91,283.
North Georgia	86,172.37	21,187.98	107,360.35	140,000.00	4,107.60	431.31	111,899.
North Mississippi	27,223.82	5,161.51	32,385.33	50,000.00	3,031.19	85.93	35,502.
South Carolina	83,968.67	10,698.43	94,667.10	135,000.00	3,378.94	445.45	98,491.
South Georgia	78,922.22	9,679.42	88,601.64	114,576.00	2,108.17	398.29	91,108.
Tennessee	50,600.23	9,169.86	59,770.09	86,000.00	3,541.41	200.59	63,512.
Virginia	132,223.96	11,730.58	143,954.54	170,000.00	6,978.59	945.81	151,878.
Western North Carolina	83,176.72	13,279.90	96,456.62	130,000.00	3,533.15	641.91	100,631.
Total	1,023,435.48	162,810.05	1,186,245.53	1,597,136.00	53,947.68	6,194.99	1,246,388.
Western:							
Alaska Mission	1,293.79		1,293.79	1,250.00		2.51	1,296.
California-Nevada	67,799.34	5,349.17	73,148.51	98,604.00	1,235.47	241.35	74,625.
Colorado	29,882.73	2,306.31	32,189.04	48,000.00	1,022.24	220.65	33,431.
Hawaii Mission	575.00	3.00	578.00	1,600.00	233.28		811.
Idaho	11,519.98	562.64	12,082.62	14,200.00	274.59	42.41	12,399.
Latin American Provisional	230.00		230.00	300.00	15.90		245.
Montana	12,635.29	965.73	13,601.02	17,000.00	1,081.28	152.40	14,834.
Oregon	33,792.86	2,356.35	36,149.21	48,500.00	2,249.60	264.28	38,663.
Pacific Japanese Provisional	310.00	95.00	405.00	200.00			405.
Pacific Northwest	39,952.34	3,374.73	43,327.07	62,000.00	1,553.07	105.76	44,985.
Southern California-Arizona	156,899.00	8,930.09	165,829.09	231,000.00	4,026.92	346.18	170,202.
Wyoming State	6,199.94	300.06	6,500.00	8,500.00	158.00	26.66	6,684.
Total	361,090.27	24,243.08	385,333.35	531,154.00	11,850.35	1,402.20	398,585.
Total from Conferences	4,413,149.27	395,755.92	4,808,905.19	6,966,275.00	184,934.32	28,329.74	5,022,169.
Other Income for Appropriations:							
Deaconess Pension Fund							52,075.
Enrolled Home Missionary Pension Fund							952.
Home Missionary and Deaconess Temporary Disability Fund							
Interest Income Allocated from Endowments and Restricted Funds							8,242.
Miscellaneous and Gifts for Appropriations							11,088.
							72,357.
Grand Total	$4,413,149.27	$395,755.92	$4,808,905.19	$6,966,275.00	$184,934.32	$28,329.74	$5,094,527.

FIRST NINE MONTHS—1954-55

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DIVISION OF TOTAL RECEIPTS

Total on ppropriations 1953-54	Appropriations		Week of Prayer (Including W.S.G.)	Cash for Supply Work	Supplementary Gifts	Cultivation ¼ of 1c Per Member	Bequests	Total Receipts
	General	Conference Work						
63,596.52	$ 67,079.22		$ 6,786.98	$ 11,237.86	$ 32.00	$ 37.70		$ 85,173.76
29,135.40	28,624.25		3,298.29	2,443.38	75.00	30.74		34,471.66
84,266.15	85,577.45	$ 6,133.28	5,477.94	9,634.59	3,605.85	79.92	$ 150.00	110,659.03
23,149.60	21,132.25		3,007.48	6,079.63		18.77	315.00	30,553.13
39,048.00	42,500.00	400.00	4,392.67	6,531.07	191.13	36.35		54,051.22
63,142.25	64,846.99		10,326.00	5,316.35	475.00	43.80		81,008.14
47,746.26	55,350.37		9,015.21	7,721.37	1,747.00	33.47		73,867.42
1,064.60	985.19		552.11	127.00				1,664.30
52,642.41	55,419.43		4,568.59	7,555.85	80.00	34.75		67,658.62
54,079.40	59,003.84		5,199.18	7,055.02		41.09		71,299.13
72,087.77	73,787.60		9,558.80	15,825.09	600.00	45.54		99,817.03
99,641.39	109,490.71		9,852.04	14,476.77	347.70	64.94		134,232.16
60,098.90	59,244.81		6,053.38	10,515.61	5.00	46.15		75,864.95
1,004,961.76	1,052,392.38	8,668.64	104,315.09	140,350.44	9,044.30	613.05	465.00	1,315,848.90
57,991.06	61,707.80		11,893.04	6,130.48	1,684.00	40.00		81,455.32
155.00	158.31		294.67		65.50			518.48
101,624.71	107,307.47		12,916.02	13,886.99	5,164.74	150.00		139,425.22
74,525.70	77,916.93		16,193.45	8,175.24	17,862.56	74.52		120,222.70
42,649.75	40,897.86		6,444.93	5,044.35	1,371.41	34.47		53,793.02
38,594.81	39,547.71		6,560.80	2,592.60	1,550.00	30.00		50,281.11
55,711.23	61,152.51		11,560.79	5,761.40	1,901.31			80,376.01
38,861.58	38,255.43		8,869.16	1,714.94	1,492.00	32 70		50,364.23
70,148.45	72,886.20	2,250.00	8,262.95	7,113.55	194.10			90,706.80
89,176.66	91,283.97		13,121.08	10,633.15	1,107.00	81.77		116,226.97
109,490.92	111,899.26		10,963.04	12,733.37	100.00	70.00		135,765.67
35,934.87	35,502.45		6,646.06	3,268.42	312.10	30.14		45,759.17
99,689.99	98,491.49		11,499.59	9,667.44	58.06	75.30		119,791.88
89,274.04	91,108.10		11,075.01	8,571.24	2,751.80	57.68		113,563.83
60,814.96	53,462.15	10,049.94	6,627.57	5,634.78	11.00	39.19		75,824.63
146,584.42	150,378.94	1,500.00	21,456.14	13,420.58	19,932.50	125.00		206,813.16
101,643.82	100,631.68		13,464.97	23,872.50	3,155.00			141,124.15
1,212,871.97	1,232,588.26	13,799.94	177,849.27	138,221.03	58,713.08	840.77		1,622,012.35
769.04	1,296.30		441.39	50.00	63.52	1.00		1,852.21
70,103.05	72,625.33	2,000.00	4,974.69	12,832.16	1,681.08	69.13		94,182.39
33,084.91	31,781.96	1,649.97	2,860.20	4,852.45	330.06	44.43		41,519.07
1,162.25	811.28		111.60	45.00	50.00			1,017.88
12,013.11	12,399.62		990.82	3,024.69	10.00	11.00		16,436.13
214.38	245.90		55.66					301.56
12,548.30	13,464.45	1,370.25	1,149.27	2,454.12		15.30		18,453.39
33,807.36	36,788.12	1,874.97	2,549.89	4,131.61	1,330.92	29.07		46,704.58
150.00	405.00		127.70			3.11		535.81
42,728.12	44,085.90	900.00	3,819.47	5,921.21	210.50	46.19		54,983.27
161,470.62	164,352.19	5,850.00	9,558.32	18,797.92	7,336.88	106.44	25.20	206,026.95
5,576.08	6,684.66		426.29	999.61		6.38		8,116.94
373,627.22	384,940.71	13,645.19	27,065.30	53,108.77	11,012.96	332.05	25.20	490,130.18
4,844,121.53	4,834,166.94	188,002.31	462,437.03	568,693.63	121,438.55	4,002.86	3,079.65	6,181,820.97
51,560.94	52,075.12							52,075.12
932.24	952.02							952.02
20.00								
16,461.06	8,242.38							8,242.38
11,227.30	11,088.29							11,088.29
80,201.54	72,357.81							
$4,924,323.07	$4,906,524.75	$188,002.31	$462,437.03	$568,693.63	$121,438.55	$4,002.86	$3,079.65	$6,254,178.78

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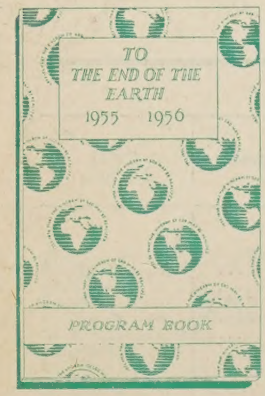

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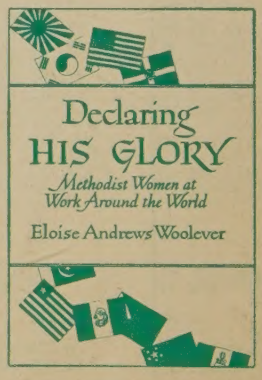

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